

## The decline and fall of a worldwide drug empire

By Tony Dawe

A secret meeting of leading international detectives in Miami nearly two years ago laid the foundation for the breaking this week of the world's biggest drugs racket, run by Oxford graduate Mr Howard Marks.

The detectives were summoned from Scotland Yard, Customs and Excise, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and a dozen other agencies by the US Drug Enforcement Agency to decide how to put an end to the operations of a man who had made himself one of the world's four leading drug barons.

The Americans were alarmed at the way that the Marks syndicate was pouring cannabis into their country. "Marks is a multi-tonne man," a DEA special agent, Mr Craig Lavato, told the assembled detectives. "The seizures which had been made by the US were making little difference to the operation. The profits were so huge that the

syndicate could afford the occasional loss.

The detectives agreed on an international operation to track the syndicate. It turned out to be the supreme example of international crime-busting co-operation.

The DEA was amazed to discover, as the intelligence and surveillance information developed, that the syndicate was being operated like a multinational company with strong family control.

His wife Judy served as company secretary and her brother, Mr Patrick Lane, was in charge of laundering the proceeds of the vast operation. Mr Marks himself was both chairman and managing director, taking a close personal interest in all the deals.

Unlike many drug barons, he believed in face-to-face meetings and flew to them in style, travelling first or class. In 1985, he even became a director of the London-based travel agents, Llew and Llew, to facilitate his movements and to

overcome a local difficulty — namely that he seldom journeyed under the same name.

Mr Marks, aware of the sophisticated airline ticketing computers that can help detectives track suspects, acquired at least a score of different passports. Sources in America have claimed that he possessed as many as 30 different identities. It was in keeping with his nature. On a previous appearance in court seven years ago, a judge remarked that he had so many identities that he must have difficulty knowing who he was.

Mr Marks flew to all the main cannabis-producing regions in Asia to make his deals and then appointed "regional managers" to maintain control. In Pakistan, where the "high-quality" "Paki black" is produced, he put Mr John Denbigh, a long-time associate and fellow Briton, in charge. In Thai-

land, another Briton, Mr Phil Sparrowhawk, took control but quickly assumed responsibility for all of south-east Asia.

They were loyal directors of the syndicate, but in the Philippines, Mr Marks made a mistake. He welcomed Lord Moynehan, the half-brother of Britain's Sports Minister, Mr Colin Moynihan, into his operation, impressed by his title and the scale of rackets that he was running in the country.

Mr Marks was unaware that the disgraced peer had been persuaded to infiltrate his organization by the US and Filipino authorities, who had been threatening to close down Lord Moynehan's operations.

In all these countries, Mr Marks would buy cannabis by the tonne and ship it by a variety of routes to his main market, the United States, where two Americans, Mr Ernest Combs and Mr Gerald Wills, controlled its distribution.

Mr Jack Hook, a DEA official, said yesterday in Miami: "They

were able to buy freighters for cash to smuggle marijuana and hashish to the United States, Canada and other countries.

"They were able to launder millions of dollars through false-front businesses, which ranged from a language school in Karachi to a travel company in Hong Kong."

The British colony became the financial centre for the syndicate, but small offices operated in many European capitals, including London. Some of the smaller consignments of cannabis were routed through European airports en route for America to try to avoid detection. On occasions, routine checks by Customs officers detected the cannabis.

These seizures helped the international team of detectives build up a complete picture of Mr Marks' operation. But they failed to deter him. He has always believed he can escape from trouble, and claimed



Mr Marks: Had claimed that he was "too smart" to be caught.

## Court rights urged in children's charter

By Frances Gibb  
Legal Affairs Correspondent

A new legal "charter for children" giving them rights to go to court to seek orders on their future and new legal responsibilities for parents were called for by the Law Commission yesterday as part of an overhaul of the law on children and families.

The commission's 100 recommendations, which have been put to the Lord Chancellor, could form the framework for the Government Bill on child care law expected next parliamentary session.

The commission's report comes only weeks after the Butler-Sloss report on Cleveland sex abuse cases urged reforms to the public law on child care and local authorities.

In the other sector — the private law on children and families — the commission also concludes the law is complicated, confusing and unfair.

"The result is undoubtedly unintelligible to ordinary people, including the families involved, and on occasions

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may prevent them or the courts from finding the best solution for their children."

It puts forward a Bill for a Children's Act which contains both its recommendations and leaves gaps where the Government could slot in its own proposals on the powers of the courts to make care and supervision orders.

The commission, which is the Government's statutory law reform body, makes clear in its report that its proposals and those of the Government on care and supervision orders contained in its child care White Paper should be carried forward together.

Last night Professor Brenda Hoggett, the Law Commissioner responsible for family law, said: "The Lord Chancellor will be considering this report and decide what to do with it."

"What the commission hopes is that the public law would be tackled alongside our proposals for private law."

Quoting the Lord Chancellor, the commission says that the Butler-Sloss report, the Government's review of child care law, and the commission's own review of child law in the family present "a historic opportunity to reform the English law into a single rationalized system."

A key proposal in the report is that statutory recognition should be given to the wishes of children.

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## MPs urge inquiry into petrol prices

### OFT accused of failing to protect customers

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

A full-scale Monopolies and Mergers Commission investigation into alleged petrol price fixing by Britain's leading oil companies was demanded yesterday by an all-party committee of MPs.

The Tory-controlled Trade and Industry Select Committee said it had found *prima facie* evidence of illegal retail price maintenance and very little evidence of any genuine price competition.

In a highly critical report, the MPs also accused the Office of Fair Trading of failing to establish the level of competition in the petrol industry, of "incompetence" and having manifestly failed in its duty.

But the report provoked an angry reaction from some of the oil companies, who have vigorously denied the allegations made against them by the Petrol Retailers Association and others. And Sir Gordon Borrie, director-general of the Office of Fair Trading, said that he was far from convinced of the case for an inquiry.

The wider allegations had not been established, Sir Gordon said. The report provided no firm evidence of collusion

in price fixing. "I am not sure as yet that there is a case for having the Monopolies Commission investigate."

The commission can take no action without Sir Gordon asking it to do so, but it is also open to Lord Young of Glaisdale, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, to ask for an investigation through Sir Gordon. The DTI said that it was studying the report and

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considering the Office of Fair Trading, but no decision had been reached.

Mr Viv Thomas, marketing director of BP Oil, said that the report was based "on the most highly subjective material at best, and the most superficial at worst". He regretted the possibility of a time-consuming investigation to establish the truth, but insisted: "We have absolutely nothing to hide."

Both Shell and Texaco also declared that they had nothing to fear from an investigation.

Mr Bruce Pether, director of the Petrol Retailers Association, which led the case against the oil companies, said the last investigation of the petrol industry had taken two years. That was too long, and the Office of Fair Trading should take immediate action. Petrol could be sold about five

pence a gallon cheaper if there was true competition.

The RAC welcomed the report and urged the Government to respond swiftly. The public had to be satisfied that it was getting a fair deal, a spokesman said.

MPs on the committee agreed that they had come across little conclusive evidence of anti-competitive practices by the leading oil companies, but much circumstantial evidence.

They pointed to the fact that the companies frequently sell each other's petrol to save on delivery costs. "No doubt this saves the oil companies £50 million on costs, but the possible effects of this arrangement on competition and retail prices may be detrimental to the final consumer," the report said.

The MPs said they had no conclusive evidence to substantiate allegations that the companies operated as a formal cartel to fix prices, but said that such a cartel would be difficult to detect.

The way prices rose and fell in unison suggested insufficient internal competition and reluctance by the companies to take each other on.

The MPs pointed out that the leading companies have consistently maintained market shares slightly below the 20 to 25 per cent that would trigger an automatic inquiry.

This discouraged price competition. "If Shell wants to constrain its market share to about 20 per cent it is unlikely to engage in aggressive pricing to increase that share."

The committee discussed the tight control exerted by the companies on their retailers, who have very little discretion on setting prices. "Taking account of all the evidence before us, there is little doubt that *de facto* resale price maintenance is taking place."

The report also accuses Shell, in particular, of being "less than wholly truthful" when it denied that it insisted on retailers selling its own brands of non-petrol products.

The last investigation into the petrol retailing industry was in 1979. It concluded that a complex monopoly existed, but was not acting against the public interest. However, it charged the Office of Fair Trading, "the main watchdog of consumer interests", to monitor the situation.

The committee said the Office of Fair Trading had failed to do this. Its means of monitoring price levels were inadequate. Its benchmark of unfair competition was whether oil companies were making "excessive profit", but this was "too crude a measurement".

Trade and Industry Select Committee: Petrol Retailing in the UK. HMSO £13.50.

## Double agent playboy peer



Lord Moynehan and his wife Editha: the disgraced peer was persuaded by the American and Philippine anti-drugs authorities to infiltrate the cannabis operation run by Mr Marks.

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● Two people shared the daily prize yesterday (see page 3) so the Portfolio Accumulator remains unchanged at £130,000.

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**Exam results**

Accountancy examination results, and degrees awarded by the University of Wales, Swansea, will be published tomorrow. Warwick and University of Wales Institute of Science and Technology degrees appear today. Page 25

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## Inventor dismayed by Hotol decision

By Pearce Wright and Sheila Ginn

Mr Alan Bond, the inventor of the revolutionary British spaceplane, Hotol, expressed his dismay yesterday at the Government's refusal to back the project, but in Parliament the Prime Minister strongly defended the decision.

Mrs Thatcher argued that the money "could far better go to many other projects" which would help Britain more.

"There is no question of this country being able to finance the research or production of such an enormous project... of the order of £4 billion to £6 billion," she said.

Dr David Owen, the SDP leader, raised the issue in the Commons by accusing the Government of taking a "deplorably short-sighted decision" and urged the Ministry of Defence to declassify the patents for the space plane.

Mr Bond gave a warning, in an interview with *The Times*, that if the Government blocked the future of Hotol, he

would be forced to consider going abroad to work on it.

He said the refusal of Mr Kenneth Clarke, who moved yesterday from the Department of Trade and Industry to take over the new Health portfolio, "has completely demoralized the teams at Rolls Royce and British Aerospace working on Hotol."

Mr Bond said: "Mr Clarke believes that there are plenty of young engineers with bright ideas, most of them too expensive. He thinks projects like Hotol come from a flash of inspiration in the bath. He showed no conception of the years of experience that led to the idea that has been successful in its experimental stage."

He asserted that Hotol was still many years ahead of possible competitors and he was committed to the small team that was dedicated to the venture.

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## De Savary taunts NZ yacht crew

Mr Peter de Savary is to airtell his Blue Arrow yacht to the America's Cup in San Diego in the United States even though the New Zealanders have refused to sail against it in a series of challenge races.

Mr de Savary, director of the British challenge, yesterday said he would not appeal against a ruling made in a New York court on Monday which, while ordering New Zealand and the United States to go ahead and race in September, froze out the British challenge.

Mr Michael Fay, head of the New Zealand syndicate, said yesterday they would not race against the British boat, but Mr de Savary hopes that, by taking it to San Diego, he will force them to race against him. "It won't do any harm to have her sailing off San Diego, flaunting her stuff," Mr de Savary said.

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## Heavy fighting as Gulf talks begin

From Christopher Thomas, New York

After bitterly accusing Iraq of using chemical weapons in a continued push into Iranian territory, Iran's Foreign Minister held his first round of talks yesterday with Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the United Nations Secretary-General, aimed at ending the eight-year Gulf war.

Dr Ali Akbar Velayati, accompanied by Mr Mojtaba Mir-Mohdhi, the Deputy Foreign Minister, said as he entered the talks that "still the war is going on very seriously."

After the 90-minute session, Dr Velayati said he had held "constructive and fruitful talks" about the implementation of Security Council Resolution 598, which lays down the procedures for a ceasefire. Another meeting was scheduled for late last night.

Dr Velayati was not due to meet the Secretary-General until today. The hurriedly

arranged encounter yesterday was a sign of the urgency with which Señor Pérez de Cuéllar is trying to maintain the momentum for peace.

Without naming Iraq, a spokesman for the Secretary-General reiterated the UN Security Council's condemnation of the use of chemical weapons. He also emphasized that releasing the hostages held by pro-Iranian groups in Lebanon was regarded by Señor Pérez de Cuéllar as a "parallel issue."

Mr Tariq Aziz, Iraq's Foreign Minister, arrived here last night and is due to meet the Secretary-General this morning.

● Nicosia: Tehran said its forces yesterday recaptured the western town of Islamabad-Gharb seized by Iraqi and Iranian opposition troops in one of their deepest thrusts into Iran of the war.

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## Heath unleashes new broadside on Thatcher

By Philip Webster  
Chief Political Correspondent

Mr Edward Heath launched another vitriolic attack on the Prime Minister yesterday, suggesting that she had now sacked all the people of talent within the Government.

Four days after his outspoken broadside against Mrs Thatcher's appointment of Mr Leon Brittan as a European Commissioner, the former Prime Minister returned to the fray. He criticized her decision to split the Department of Health and Social Security and suggested that it resulted from a collective lack of ability among her Ministers. He accused the Government of being out of touch.

With some MPs already suggesting that the party whip should be with-

drawn from Mr Heath over last week's outburst, his remarks last night appeared to leave him friendless on the Conservative back benches.

It was being pointed out that several members of the present Cabinet were his protégés, including Mr Douglas Hurd, who once headed his private office, Mr Kenneth Baker, once his parliamentary private secretary, Mr Kenneth Clarke, the new Secretary of State for Health whom Mr Heath first brought into government, Mr George Younger and Mr Peter Walker.

Even Mr Robert Key, unofficial parliamentary private secretary to Mr Heath in 1984-85, said: "It grieves me that he seems to have a selective memory — he is now knocking some of his own protégés."

Mr Heath saying a good word about the Government were even more scathing. Mr George Gardiner, MP for Reigate, said: "The poor fellow is obviously in his dotage, so we must be charitable. He clearly has no place in today's Conservative Party."

Asked during an interview on LBC about the division of the DHSS, Mr Heath said: "It shows now that the Government has nobody who is capable of running a large department. It does take a man of talent and decision-making capability and influence over Parliament to run a great department like health or industry. It has become more and more obvious that they are not available. They have all either been sacked or they are not there."

Mr Heath said that by splitting

social security and health, the Government would not solve the "very great" problems of the health service. "You won't solve the problems of the health service so long as you are looking for ways of saving money."

He said: "... all of us who are really in touch with our constituents know that what they want is to have proper provision for the health of themselves, their wives, their children, their families."

Mr Heath said that many Conservatives MPs agreed with what he had said about Mr Brittan's appointment. "Not one of them (his critics) have dealt with the arguments I have put forward. Those people had better look to their own constituencies."

Downing Street was taking a relaxed attitude to Mr Heath's attack.

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## NEWS ROUNDUP

## £405m EC grant for job schemes

Employment and training schemes throughout the United Kingdom are to benefit from a £405 million grant from the European Commission. It has given backing to measures ranging from national programmes such as the Youth Training Schemes and the new employment training programme to small local projects run by local community groups.

The Department of Employment yesterday described the allocation as massive and said it represented just over 19 per cent of the European Social Fund's budget.

Last night, Mr John Cope, Minister of State at the Department of Employment, said a total of 2,909 projects would be supported by the allocation.

## £3m housing boost

Some of the worst areas of private housing in the North-west, Yorkshire, and the West Midlands are to benefit from an extra £3 million for improvements, Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, said last night in a Commons written reply. Authorities benefiting are: Alldale, £200,000; Birmingham, £400,000; Blackburn, £400,000; Bolton, £200,000; Hyndburn, £200,000; Reading, £100,000; Rochdale, £200,000; Sheffield, £400,000; Stoke, £250,000 and Wirral, £500,000.

## Bolt murder clue

Detectives hunting the killer of Miss Diana Maw, aged 36, who died when a six-inch crossbow bolt was fired into her head, yesterday found the abandoned contents of her handbag on a footpath near Hillcrest Road, Ealing, west London, a few hundred yards from her flat in Woodfield Road, Ealing, west London.

## Children allowed in

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, signalled acceptance yesterday of the validity of DNA testing as a means of confirming parenthood in immigration cases. Already the Government has granted entry clearances to "a number" of children who have been the subject of a pilot trial by the Home Office and Foreign and Commonwealth Office. The trial covered 103 children.

## Bypass Bill rejected

A private Bill to authorize the construction of the Lyndhurst bypass through the New Forest in Hampshire was rejected yesterday by a Commons select committee, accompanied by strong criticism of the Government for supporting the use of parliamentary time for the purpose.

## Girl's body found

A murder hunt was under way yesterday after the body of Sharon Standley, aged 14, of Bromfield Road, Grimsby, was found by a passer-by in a playing field. She died from a single stab wound.

## Striking seamen continue to defy court ruling



Mr John Prescott, Labour's energy spokesman, addressing striking seamen outside the Port of Dover yesterday (Photograph: Denzil McNeelance).

## Time to take a stand says MP

By Tim Jones

More than 200 seamen dismissed by the P&O ferry company appeared yesterday openly to defy a High Court ruling as they were told by Mr John Prescott, Labour's energy spokesman, that it was time to take a stand.

The defiant rally by the men, who have been in dispute for six months, came after the ruling by Mr Justice Michael Davies on Monday that pickets outside the dock must be limited to six people.

The hearing, at which the National Union of Seamen was fined a further £25,000 for contempt of an earlier ruling forbidding mass picketing, placed the union on three weeks' "probation" to prove it dissociates itself totally from illegal picketing before it can regain control of its sequestered assets.

Yesterday, lawyers acting for the union, which is facing financial ruin, said they intend to appeal against the High Court decision later this week.

Mr Christopher Eyring, the NUS solicitor, said the exact grounds of the union's appeal case had still to be worked out. Union officials feel strongly that they have done everything in their power to dissociate themselves from members who mass at the dock gates daily to jeer at former colleagues who accepted the company's new terms and conditions.

Yesterday, as the crowd yelled "scab" at those reporting for work, Mr Prescott, who is an NUS-sponsored MP, passed on the best wishes of Mr Sam McCuskie, the union's general secretary, who is not allowed to attend.

## Health chiefs run up £60m debts

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

Health authorities are running up big debts and delaying payments to creditors for up to four months because of the Government's spending squeeze.

The National Audit Office, the official spending watchdog, reported yesterday that the authorities have been selling off holdings to try to balance their books.

The report from Mr John Bourn, the Comptroller and Auditor General, warns Mr Kenneth Clarke, the new Secretary of State for Health, of the plight of English health bodies which ran up debts estimated at between £60 million and £70 million last year. The Welsh and Scottish authorities are facing similar problems.

Mr Bourn said for many years the authorities lived within their resources. However, pressure of cash limits had encouraged the authorities

to improve their budgets. "Since April 1, 1983, health authorities have increasingly supplemented their approved revenue expenditure limits by reducing cash tied up in stocks, debtors and bank balances and by delaying payments to creditors in some cases by utilizing more fully the limits of credit and payment terms."

The exercise had cut working balances so that between 1983 and 1987, net assets of £53 million became net liabilities of £77 million. By March last year the health authorities owed a total of £150 million in both capital and revenue costs.

Mr Bourn said the Department of Health and Social Security had wanted health authorities to keep delays in paying their bills "within the bounds of financial prudence" although it did not issue guidance. Last year a DHSS analysis found that 10 of

the 205 regional and district health bodies had built up a four-month backlog of bills. The average was about seven weeks.

The health service management board chaired by Mr Tony Newton, the former Health Minister, investigated the health authority spending last year. It reported that the overspending was comparatively "minor" although individual regions and districts were running into serious difficulties. The DHSS started to keep its own close checks on the budgets from this year.

Meanwhile, Mr Clarke notched up another record yesterday by being sued on his first day as Secretary of State (Jill Sherman writes).

A firm of Merseyside solicitors said High Court writs had been issued on behalf of 20 haemophilic patients exposed to the Aids virus because of

contaminated blood products. The defendants named in the action were the Secretary of State and the Attorney General.

Mr Graham Ross, the solicitor co-ordinating the legal action, said it was believed at least 50 more patients would be seeking substantial payments.

The allegations against the Government related to the failure to ensure sufficient supplies of home-produced Factor 8, the clotting agent haemophiliacs inject daily, he said.

"The short-fall led to dependency on imported products from the United States, even though standards of blood collection in that country fell far below those required in the UK."

"The British haemophilic was thereby subjected daily to a risk of contamination that had been known about since the middle of the 1970s."

## Report on Chernobyl fall-out

## Action on lamb criticized

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Some lamb with radiation levels above the statutory limit may well have been eaten by the public in the wake of the Chernobyl disaster, an all-party committee of MPs said yesterday.

There was no convincing evidence that public health had been jeopardized, but there were several routes by which lamb above the limit could have reached the shops and "it must therefore be probable that some did so", the Commons agriculture committee said.

Seven weeks elapsed between the arrival of the Chernobyl fall-out on May 2, 1986 and the imposition of the first restrictions on slaughtering.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food argued that it was young suckling lambs that showed levels of radioactivity above the 1,000 becquerel limit and that those would not have been slaughtered in that period.

However, the MPs insist that some suckling lambs could have been slaughtered and that the ministry was "wrong to discount this

possibility". They point to attempts by the Scottish Department of Agriculture to minimize disruption to farmers, and say this was regrettable as it meant the restrictions were not watertight.

They also say that, as restrictions were not placed on some peripheral areas until 1987, it was conceivable some sheep had entered the food-chain in the intervening period.

There was a "clear case of negligence" in the Government's failure to act on reports of very high rainfall during the critical period in North Yorkshire, but the MPs emphasize that contaminated lamb could not have reached the shops on a scale that posed a threat to public health.

Elsewhere in the report on the Government's reaction to Chernobyl, the committee,

chaired by Mr Jerry Wiggin, Conservative MP for Weston-super-Mare, says the public relations effort was inadequate, and it calls on ministers to find ways of helping the 130 or so farmers who were victims of the "rough justice" of the compensation scheme.

It says the Government "got it right for nearly everybody" but had a clear duty to accommodate those for whom it did not.

Mr Wiggin said that criticisms levelled at the Government concerned details and that the Government had, in general terms, succeeded in spite of the extraordinary circumstances in its aim of ensuring safe food. Moreover, it had learnt the right lessons for the future.

More than £100,000 is to be spent by Labour-controlled Derbyshire County Council on radiation monitoring equipment after councillors said they were dissatisfied with the Government's handling of the disaster.

Agriculture Committee, Chernobyl: The Government's Reaction (Stationery Office, £4.70).

## Policy aid group for the left

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

A new "think tank" was launched yesterday to help the Labour Party and its sympathizers to get back into the intellectual fray.

Lady Blackstone, the Master of Birkbeck College, who is to be chairman of the new Institute for Policy Research, conceded that the Right had effectively won the battle of ideas over the past decade.

The new institute is designed as a counterweight to bodies such as the Centre for Policy Studies, the Institute of Economic Affairs, and the Adam Smith Institute, which have helped to fuel Thatcherism. It is promised £1 million in funds by individuals and trade unions, enough to keep it going for five years.

There will be no formal links with the Labour Party, but shadow ministers seeking studies on particular policy areas will be given a sympathetic hearing.

Lady Blackstone said that there had been an over-emphasis on the individual in the present Government's ideology and it would focus more on community issues. "We want to explode the myth that unemployment is a necessary evil."

## Rail subsidy cut

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

British Rail's booming commercial performance has led the Department of Transport to cut its subsidy by a further £33 million.

In 1986 it was set a target of reducing the subsidy, known as the public service obligation grant, to the equivalent of £605 million at today's prices, by 1989-90.

The target will be achieved this year — 12 months early.

However, Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Transport, announced yesterday that this year's grant had been set at £572.5 million, a reduction of £33 million.

British Rail said the reduced grant, now paid only for the services of Network SouthEast and certain provincial services, had been set by negotiation, and it accepted it with equanimity.

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# Marks makes court appearance after global drugs raids

By David Sapped

Briton Dennis Howard Marks, a former MI6 agent, appeared in a Majorcan court yesterday as drug enforcement agencies around the world celebrated what the Americans described as the "busting of the largest marijuana and hashish smuggling operation in the entire world."

Marks, aged 43, appeared in the Supreme Court in Palma to be told that extradition proceedings to the United States could start within three days. The US Department of Justice indictment accuses Marks of controlling the 18-year smuggling enterprise, eventually smashed with the help of Lord Moynehan, the fugitive half-brother of Sports Minister Mr Colin Moynehan.

In London, Balendo Chi Cheen Lo, a 29-year-old travel agent, was remanded in custody following an extradition application from the United States. He was among 21 people named in addition to Marks on the US indictment. Three other men were being interviewed by Scotland Yard drugs officers last night.

It emerged yesterday that Monday's seizure in the Costa Brava of 15 tons of hashish, valued at \$35 million, was not, apparently, connected with the arrests. Seizures valued at \$100 million have already been made in the United States.

A Spanish police report that IRA gun-runner James McCann, a known Marks associate, had been arrested in Palma was also denied yesterday.

Drug Enforcement Agency officers in Miami last night praised the international co-operation that had led to the arrests. "We cannot praise the work of Her Majesty's Customs and Excise and New Scotland Yard highly enough," said a spokesman.

"This has been an operation aimed at busting the largest marijuana and hashish smuggling operation in the entire world. It has taken three years but, thanks to the cooperation we have received from agencies in Britain, Canada, Spain, Thailand and elsewhere, we believe we have done it."

Marks, recruited by MI6 while at Oxford and who used his connections with the secret services to win acquittal at the Old Bailey in 1981 on a charge of attempting to smuggle 15 tons of cannabis into Scotland, appeared in court yesterday with his 33-year-old wife Judy and two other men: Geoffrey Hugh Kenyon, aged 46, a former resident of Saudi Arabia and the owner of a restaurant near Palma, and William Roger Reeves, also known as Mead, who was arrested earlier this month.

The Americans embarked on their investigation in 1985, concerned at the amounts of Thai marijuana and Pakistani hashish being imported into the United States.

Lord Moynehan, who fled Britain 20 years ago after police launched a fraud inquiry into his interests in London, set up in business in the Philippines but was reported to be under police protection in the States yesterday after revealing information about the drugs ring.

At Bow Street magistrates' court yesterday, Det Kenneth MacLennan, of Scotland Yard's extradition squad, said property seized in the case so far amounted to "far in excess" of \$100 million.

He objected to bail for Lo, arrested on Monday at his Piccadilly travel agency, because "documents seized in this case indicate that false passports have been issued and he will use his knowledge of the travel business to abscond."

Lo, of The Avenue, Kilburn, north London, was remanded in custody for a week.

Two other arrests, one in Canada and one in Los Angeles, were made yesterday bringing the total so far being held in connection with the indictment to seven.

# Bishops' wives enjoy conference break



Wives of four of the African bishops stand in tribal costume on the steps of St Paul's Cathedral yesterday after they attended the service at the mid-point in the Lambeth Conference. Afterwards the 500 bishops and their wives went to Buckingham Palace to attend a garden party (Photograph: Chris Harris).

## Violence against health workers

# Action urged to foil attacks on staff

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

A government report has called for all caring agencies to adopt a four-point strategy to tackle violence against staff.

The report published yesterday, from the Department of Health and Social Security's advisory committee on violence to staff, recommends that every organization needs a strategy to assess the problem locally, to plan for its prevention, to handle violent acts when they occur and to support those who have been victims of violence.

It emphasizes that agencies have to make resources available to ensure a safe working environment and practices.

The committee was set up in December 1986, by Mr Norman Fowler, then the social services secretary, after

Health authorities should keep registers of "vulnerable" patients discharged from psychiatric hospitals and check on them, according to an inquiry report published yesterday.

The inquiry into the killing of Isabel Schwartz, a social worker, by Sharon Campbell, a former client and patient, was told that Miss Schwartz was stabbed 39 times at Bexley Hospital, south-east London, in 1984, nine months after she ceased to be Campbell's social worker.

Campbell was convicted of manslaughter in 1987 and sent to Broadmoor.

The committee, set up by the Department of Health and Social Security and chaired by Mr John Spokes, QC, also called for agencies to be installed in offices to which patients had access, so that staff could call for help.

professional bodies and trades unions about data which impinges on confidentiality.

On home visits, the committee, chaired by Lord Skelmersdale, recommends that visiting staff should have access to personal alarms,

police escorts and if necessary should visit in pairs.

Combined visits by different agencies could be possible on some occasions, it suggests, although any form of visiting in pairs can make a client more aggressive and the call counter-productive.

A survey from the Health and Safety Executive, published last year, found that out of 5,000 health workers, one in 200 had suffered injury needing medical treatment after a violent attack in the past 12 months. One in 10 had needed first aid, and five out of every 100 health workers had been threatened with weapons.

Violence to Staff (Report of the DHSS Advisory Committee on Violence to Staff, Stationery Office, £4.90).

# Thirst for blood is a classical puzzle

By Philip Howard, Literary Editor

Classics of the world, assembled in Oxford yesterday for the triennial meeting of Greek and Roman societies, considered the attraction of blood. Mr Thomas Wivemann of Bristol University discussed the mystery of the Roman Games, by which they meant something bloodier than watching Frank Bruno being biffed. Of all aspects of Roman culture the Games, for which the Romans built their amphitheatres, are the most sensational, and the most difficult for us to come to terms with.

Some say that they were meant to introduce and inure young Romans to the horrors of national service. Others that they were a substitute after the emperors had banned the national pastime of warfare; and others that it was better and more sporting than watching

England play cricket.

Three sports went on in the arena: the slaughter of wild beasts; the execution of criminals; and the reciprocal killing of gladiators. Mr Wivemann suggests that the Romans saw each of these events as an example of the struggle between civilization and chaos. In the gladiatorial contests the forces of chaos consisted of persons who had lost their claim to the protection of Roman society. Socially they were already dead: *Mortui te salutamus*.

The Games symbolized the Roman state's guarantee to its people that law and civilization would be upheld. Gladiatorial Games came in front in the late second century BC in step with the development of theories of populist sovereignty. Roman Emperors presented

themselves in their PR not as destroyers of pop sovereignty but as its representatives. Hence the connection between gladiatorial Games and the imperial cult. In the same way our Masters make a point of watching the FA Cup-final or blethering on the Jimmy Young show.

Some Emperors even appeared in the role of gladiators themselves, as Hercules-figures and protectors of the Roman people against lawlessness and barbarism.

The PR symbolism did not always work. The emperors' peculiar position meant that the attempts of "bad" emperors — eg. Caligula and Commodus — to portray themselves as gladiators might easily be interpreted by the opposition as lunacy or tyranny.

## Portfolio PLUS NEW Accumulator Family to share in success

"I thought it was never going to happen". Mr Keith Kime said yesterday when he heard that he had become one of two winners to share the daily Portfolio prize of £4,000.

Mr Kime, a retired bank manager, aged 65, yesterday drank a bottle of champagne with his wife Dora to celebrate the win at their home in Poplar Way, Midhurst, West Sussex.

He plans to share the money with his wife and two married children.

The other winner, Mrs Peggy Cattermole, of Boscombe Cliff Road, Bournemouth, Dorset, said she felt "trembling at the knees" when she heard she had won.

## Writing off a Mercedes

Stephen Mayhew will not be prosecuted for driving without due care and attention, although he went straight over a roundabout and a garage forecourt, demolishing a petrol pump and hitting a crash barrier, writing off the £20,000 estate car he was driving. But Stephen, from Redhill, Surrey, is only nine.

He took the keys of his father's automatic Mercedes late on Monday, and drove seven miles along the A23 before crashing at Horley.

## Satellite expansion

# Murdoch attacks old order

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

Mr Rupert Murdoch, managing director of News International, yesterday attacked the "deeply elitist" BBC and ITV as he predicted that more than six million British homes would have cable or satellite television installed within four years.

Mr Murdoch, whose Sky Television company plans to start beaming four new satellite channels into British homes early next year, said that broadcasting in Britain had been the preserve of the "old establishment" with ITV having protected its commercial monopoly, but now the public and advertisers were demanding more choice.

Dissatisfaction with existing television had been graphically demonstrated by the way sales of video recorders had swept through Britain, faster than anywhere else in the world. "It was bred out of frustration at the thought of programmes that the viewers were being forced to watch by existing TV companies."

Mr Murdoch, speaking at a forum on broadcasting in the 1990s organized by *The Sunday Times*, said he did not

envisage a great problem over TV standards now that competition, in the shape of new channels, was coming. Nationwide support for the Prime Minister's stand against sex and violence on television, and the Broadcasting Standards Council chaired by Sir William Rees-Mogg, was a direct reaction from the public to the liberal standards which had been applied.

The public had standards which they were now going to have a chance to impose. "This is a deeply moral society in spite of what we read about in the papers about incidents of hooliganism or incidents of bad public behaviour," he said. Even if someone tried to screen pornography in Britain, there would not be support for it "and it would fail very quickly."

Mr Murdoch denied that the new competition threatened TV news or current affairs. In the United States there had been "tremendous growth" in both areas. Sky Television would be spending more than £100 million a year on programmes, including £25 million to £30 million on its round the clock news channel.

He offered the prospect of a better news service than that currently offered on British television.

Sir William Rees-Mogg told the broadcasting forum that his council would start taking evidence over the next six months from broadcasters and existing regulatory authorities before producing a code of conduct on sex and violence which would work for broadcasters and satisfy the public interest.

He also hinted that there would be only one code which would apply to all broadcast material whether videos, rented at local corner shops, pay-as-you-view television or normal TV services.

However, Mr Murdoch said a single code could lead to nightmare problems especially when it came to people watching videos in their own home. "I think there is a very great deal of difference between broadcasting what most of us may take as an unacceptable movie and an individual wanting to go down to the local store and hiring one for themselves. That's their business."

## The future of broadcasting

# TV chiefs' warning on cash

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

Mrs Margaret Thatcher received a twin warning last night from the chairmen of the Independent Broadcasting Authority and Channel 4 about the threat posed to commercial television in Britain if government legislative plans to deregulate broadcasting are too far-reaching.

Lord Thomson of Monifieth, who retires as IBA chairman at the end of this year, said his "fundamental fear" was that the Government would remove ITV stations from their obligation to

full public service broadcasting. Viewers' choice would be diminished, he said.

Writing in the IBA's annual report, Lord Thomson added: "There may be a temptation in some quarters to restore the monopoly of public service television to the BBC, but a BBC strained for funds and being pushed by unregulated commercial competition towards a cultural ghetto."

"Commercially funded television would, under this scenario, be compelled to behave as if it were any other private

sector industry in the market place.

Sir Richard Attenborough, chairman of Channel 4, referred in its annual report, published yesterday, to the dangers of government plans to "privatize" the station, or change its funding.

He said: "We are in no doubt that the multiplicity of choice our programming currently makes available to British viewers would be severely eroded if we were forced to compete for advertising revenue."

# MP says BBC misled him

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Mr Frank Dobson, the Labour Party's chief campaign coordinator, criticized the BBC last night after complaining that he had been misled into appearing on a radio programme which turned out to be about Mr Neil Kinnock's leadership qualities.

Mr Dobson was on the point of walking out of the Radio 4 programme, *Call*

Nick Ross, yesterday morning after a heated argument with Mr Ross about its contents. Last night he called the BBC "the state broadcasting corporation" and said he would protest to Mr Marmaduke Hussey, the chairman.

Mr Dobson's office had agreed to his taking part on being told that the call-in programme would be about

the general political situation, including the Labour Party.

But on hearing the trailer to the programme, which made it clear that the programme would be about Mr Kinnock's leadership qualities, Mr Dobson rang the producer and Mr Ross to ask what was going on.

He said that he was assured he would be able to talk about general political matters.

# The Season breezes out to gales at Glorious Goodwood

By Alan Hamilton

After enduring the wash-out of Wimbledon and the Hooray Henrys of Henley, those who follow The Season moved out of London yesterday in the interval between the charity balls and Cowes Week to find Goodwood glorious if gale-torn.

They also experienced the regular feature of all major Season events, the world-class traffic jam.

Racegoers heading for the first day of the July meeting at one of England's most attractive courses

set in a bowl of the Sussex Downs were doubly frustrated by a big accident on the M25 and the traditional bottleneck at Petworth, causing delays of up to an hour.

Those who struggled through found Goodwood in good form. It is Epsom without the gypsies, Ascot without royalty, and the Earl of March and Kimura, owner of Goodwood House, forbids the rash of unofficial hospitality tents which grows like a white fungus around

other sporting events such as Henley Regatta. Goodwooders are a well behaved crowd, generally sober suited, the Panama has much in evidence among the men and women's helmets chastely below the knee. However, they still face the unavoidable penalty of expensive refreshments, with Pimm's at £1.70 a glass and non-vintage champagne at £25.50 a bottle.

The brisk bright spells brought out one stallholder doing a healthy

trade in cut-price sunglasses, although had anyone taken up the chin strap concession he would have made a killing on keeping the Panamas from being snatched and sent rolling by the wind.

The wind also dried out the course which began as good to soft but which undoubtedly hardened up during what any housewife would recognize as a splendid drying day.

Mr Sidney Lewis, a Brighton bookmaker and an institution in the

Silver Ring, celebrated his ninety-first birthday and the fact that the Stewards' Cup, a cavalry charge of 28 runners, was won by the 14-1 outsider Rotherfield Greys, leaving Pat Eddery on Dowling in third place and Steve Cauthen on the favourite, Master Pokey, in fourth.

The Season is back on course after a dismal early summer. If the weather continues to behave as yesterday it will put a fair old wind up Cowes Week.



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## Report on families and the law

# Legal rights sought for child's views in contested cases

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

New legal responsibilities for parents coupled with rights for children to seek court orders on their own future are part of a new framework for the law on children and families put forward by the Law Commission yesterday.

Its Bill for a Children's Act contains its proposals and leaves gaps where the Government could slot in its own measures on the powers of the courts to make care and supervision orders.

Such an Act, combining all aspects of the law on children and families, would be the best way to achieve a simpler, clearer and fairer system, the commission says.

It shares the Lord Chancellor's view that the Government's review of child care law, and the Butler-Sloss report together have presented

to apply for orders about the child with the court's leave;

● Proposals to encourage parents to share responsibility, and a new simpler way for unmarried parents to do this; and

● Encouraging parents to make arrangements for their children if they die, by providing a simple way to appoint guardians.

The commission says the law now has no coherent legal concept of parenthood. From now on, parenthood should become the primary concept and parents encouraged to share their responsibilities, it says.

Where unmarried, they should be able to make a simple agreement — with the same effect as a court order — that the father shall share responsibility with the mother.

That would be different from where a guardian is appointed to take a parent's place after death.

The commission says that although it is hoped more and more unmarried parents will agree to share parental responsibility, there may still be cases where they would prefer the mother to retain sole responsibility in her lifetime, but the father to assume it at her death.

Few people appoint guardians and the commission would like to see more doing so. At present this is done by deed or will and there is an "extremely common reluctance" among young adults to make wills, it says.

Instead it proposes it should be possible to appoint a guardian by any document which is signed and dated, and to revoke appointments in the same way.

There should also be a general power for courts to remove guardians — a power now limited to the High Court, given that all courts can appoint guardians.

The general principle on court orders is that none should be made except where the court considers it the most effective way of safeguarding or promoting the child's welfare. They should no longer be "part of the package" of a divorce.

Nor should custody be awarded as a prize, the commission says. Instead parents should be encouraged to resolve their children's future for themselves, and courts should deal only with the practical questions of where the children are to live or who they should visit.

The courts should have a duty to consider, rather than to approve, such arrangements and in general interfere as little as possible. Orders

should reduce rather than increase the opportunities for future conflict.

In general the aim where parents disagree should be to lower the "stakes", the commission says, so that the issue is not one where the "winner takes all" or "loser loses all".

The commission also puts forward a checklist of factors to be considered by courts when making orders and top of this is the "ascertainable wishes and feelings of the child, considered in the light of his age and understanding", and his physical, emotional and where relevant, educational needs.

There is almost unanimous support that the child's views should be given this statutory recognition, the paper says, and it recommends this for contested cases.

"Experience has shown that it is pointless to ignore the clearly expressed wishes of older children."

On court orders, the commission proposes a range of orders but says these should only be used where this is the most effective way to safeguard or promote the child's welfare. These include new "residence" and "access" orders in place of custody and access.

In general in family proceedings the child's point of view is put by a welfare officer report. But children are parties in care and supervision proceedings and can apply for orders to be varied or discharged.

For consistency, the commission says they should also be able to apply for orders in

## ● The issue is not one of loser loses all ●

"an historic opportunity to reform the English law into a single rationalized system as it applies to the care and upbringing of children".

Its recommendations, drawn up after four years' consultation, cover the spectrum of the statutory powers of courts to deal with the care and upbringing of children from custody and access where marriages break up to what happens to a child if a parent dies.

Chief among them are: ● A new legal concept of parenthood, recognizing that parents have responsibilities for bringing up their children and stating the courts are there to help rather than interfere;

● Courts to be required to recognize the importance of the child's point of view and wishes, and allow children to apply for orders if the court believes they are old enough to do so;

● A requirement for courts to set a timetable to resolve disputes within a child's sense of time;

● New orders of "contact" and "residence" to replace access and custody but with a new duty on courts to make orders only where necessary and not as "part of the package" on divorce;

● Custody no longer to be awarded as a "prize" between warring parents and courts, instead, to deal only with the practical questions of where the children are to live and who they should visit;

● New rights for relatives, foster parents and others involved in the child's welfare

## A load of glass that shattered the rush hour



Cause and effect: Traffic backed up after the crash on the M25 yesterday as the effects (below) ripple across Surrey (Photograph: Julian Harbert).

By Rodney Cowton  
Transport Correspondent

The ripple effect of accidents was dramatically demonstrated yesterday when an early morning crash on the M25 London orbital road had repercussions across a wide area and beyond the morning rush hours.

At 5.30am, a French lorry carrying 38 tons of sheet glass hit a crash barrier between junctions 9 and 10 of the M25 near Leatherhead, Surrey. Shattered glass was strewn over both carriageways, closing the motorway.

To divert traffic, the motorway had to be closed back to junction eight, near Reigate, a total distance of 12 miles.

One of the main diversionary routes was the A25, where long queues built up. As more drivers sought alternative routes, traffic was brought almost to a halt in Reigate and Leatherhead.

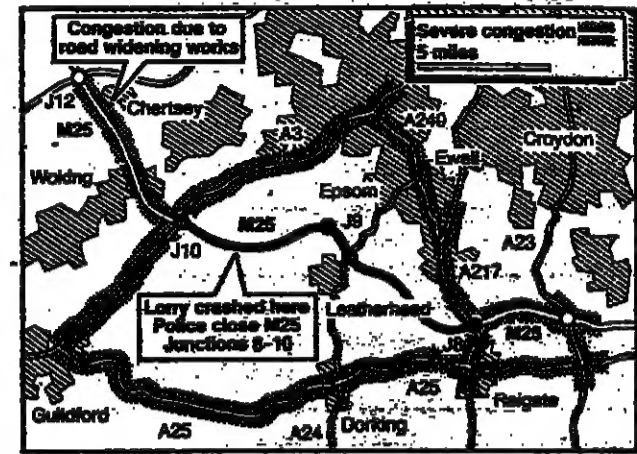
Another route heavily affected was the A217-A240-A3-M25 passing Banstead, Epsom and Ewell as traffic sought to bypass the closed section of the M25.

However, that took them

from the frying pan into the fire — an area of contraflows near Chertsey, where the M25 is being widened.

The anti-clockwise carriageway was closed for about four hours, re-opening at about 9.30am, but it was 2pm before the other carriageway opened, and both were still reduced to two lanes as repair work was carried out on the central barrier.

● The driver and his son aged 15 were both taken to St Peter's Hospital at Chertsey. The son was said to be in a serious condition.



## Single European market is subject of second annual Charles Douglas-Home award

# £15,000 grant for look at post-1992 Britain

The subject of the second annual award to commemorate the late Charles Douglas-Home, former Editor of *The Times*, is to be the effects of the changes that the single European market scheduled for 1992 will have on the British way of life.

Entrants will be asked to propose a project for original research culminating in a written work for publication. The winner will receive a grant of up to £15,000 from the Charles Douglas-Home Memorial Trust.

The trustees' invitation to entrants says: "Britain's entry into the EEC provoked fears of a loss of national identity. The prospect of the free internal market from 1992 is provoking similar fears."

"Proposals are invited for a study of the effect on Britain of the supranational authority that has had power over many areas of legislation for the past 15 years. To what extent were the original fears justified and

what can be deduced from Britain's experience so far about the likely effects of changes after 1992?"

"Studies may be on a broad front or may concentrate on the particular changes experienced or likely to be experienced by one or more sectors of British society."

Charles Douglas-Home, who became Editor of *The Times* in 1981, died of cancer in October 1985, aged 48.



Mr Douglas-Home Scholarship in his name.

fund was set up to commemorate his professional life by establishing an annual scholarship for a writer, researcher or journalist.

Mr Edward Cazalet, QC, the chairman of the fund's trustees, said yesterday: "By 1992 Britain is scheduled to be fully integrated into the European internal market and nearly 300 new directives should have been passed into law that will revolutionize the way in which the business life of the country is controlled. Most of the changes concern companies, trades and professions."

"But how will this enormous change — coupled with the opening of the Channel tunnel — affect our way of life?"

"What social changes can we expect? Will the sovereignty of Parliament be diminished and with it our national habits, attitudes and identity? What will be the consequences of the removal of international barriers on our personal freedom; will we surrender our island mentality

for new and alien supranational attitudes? Are we going to see the dismantling of our common Law for a new common European law dictated from Brussels?"

"We would like entrants to consider just how our lives will change as well as the extent to which they have been changed as a result of our entry into the Community in 1973. Furthermore, will the new anticipated freedom of movement bring a polyglot society with new methods of taxation, banking hours, work patterns, acceptance of refugees, health treatment and the like?"

"We are anticipating a study that will show the effects upon the people of this country rather than upon the business community."

The successful candidate who will be selected by the trustees will be announced in the autumn and will be expected to present the completed work within a year. The size of the grant will be judged

on the scale of the proposed project and the progress of the successful candidate's work will be monitored by an advisory panel appointed by the trustees.

The subject of the first annual award was the revival of Britain's inner cities and the winner, Mr Colin Ward, is due to present his completed work in December.

Entrants can obtain application forms by sending a stamped addressed envelope to Dr Barbara Day, 4 Offord Road, London N1. Entries will close on September 16, 1988.

The Prince of Wales is president of the fund and patrons include the Duke of Kent, the Prime Minister and the Archbishop of Canterbury.

The trustees are Mrs Jessica Douglas-Home, Mr Douglas-Home's widow; Mr David Fryce-Jones; Mr David Dimbleby; Mr Bamber Gascoigne; Mr Charles Wilson, ex-officio as Editor of *The Times*; and Mr Cazalet.

## Airlines to face more competition

By Michael Dynes, Brussels

The European Commission yesterday laid down a series of tough regulations designed to accelerate the opening up of the EEC's highly regulated air transport industry to increased competition in the run-up to 1992.

The new rules, which govern agreements between national carriers over flight schedules, computer reservation systems, and ground handling services at airports, are expected to be effective retroactively from January this year.

They are the first tangible expression of the commission's determination to apply the EEC's competition rules to air transport, after the decision last December by the Council of Ministers to adopt the commission's air transport liberalization package.

The package heralded the end of the right of EEC governments, in alliance with their national carriers, to demand a specified percentage of the capacity and revenue of each air route, and to refuse other national carriers right of access to those routes.

Prior to December, most member states exercised autonomy over their airspace, authorizing their national

carriers, in association with one foreign national carrier, to determine flight schedules and air fares throughout the EEC. However, there has been increasing pressure over the past few years, particularly from Britain, to deregulate the air transport industry, which has been described by Mr Peter Sutherland, European Commissioner for Competition Policy, as "a uniquely anti-competitive situation".

The first of the new regulations is designed to ensure that agreements between national carriers on schedules and air fares, do not discriminate against other national carriers who have not participated in the discussions.

The second regulation is designed to prevent national operators of air travel computer reservation systems from discriminating against other national carriers, while the third regulation opens up the market for companies wishing to offer ground handling services.

To ensure computer reservation systems are not used to distort the liberalized market, the commission has proposed a mandatory code of conduct for all system operators.

## GCSE rush 'causing stress'

By Douglas Broom, Education Reporter

The Government's refusal to allow more time for the introduction of the GCSE examination was blamed yesterday for "stress, exhaustion and the blunting of enthusiasm" among teachers and pupils.

The National Association of Head Teachers said in a report that difficulties before the first GCSE examinations this summer had "diminished their educational value".

The report, based on the views of secondary school heads in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, called for changes in the GCSE to ease an unacceptably high workload on pupils and teachers.

It accused ministers of rushing the introduction of the examination, which replaced O levels and CSE.

The GCSE examination groups, formed from the former O-level and CSE exam boards, were criticized for failing to work together to ensure pupils were not put under unnecessary pressure by competing coursework deadlines. But the report praised

"the tremendous work done by teachers and examination board officers to enable the examination to take place against almost impossible deadlines".

The report says the education world had been united in advising the Government to allow five years for the introduction of the GCSE but claims ministers ignored that advice in choosing a four-year introduction.

It calls on the Government to provide more money for extra teachers and to pay for books and equipment, and urges the examination groups to do more to ease the strain by agreeing on a common system for administering exams.

The report says if the groups cannot put their house in order they may face pressure for their abolition and replacement with a single examining board.

It also believes the examination period — from mid-May to the end of June — should be shortened to allow all pupils who want to leave school at 16

to finish on a "common statutory leaving date" of June 30.

The powers of the joint council for the GCSE, which represents the six GCSE exam groups, should be strengthened so it can ensure the groups "return to the level of efficiency of the best O-level and CSE boards".

Mr John Edmundson, joint council secretary, said many of the association's concerns, especially over coursework overload and administration, were being looked at.

But he added: "It is quite wrong to talk about the joint council having extra powers. It was set up by the groups and it only has as much power as they are willing to give to it."

"We cannot enforce anything on anyone. The groups are independent, free-standing charities."

In many cases, head teachers had the solution in their own hands. It was up to them to ensure schools could handle the administration of examinations they chose for pupils.

## Munnings works are front runners

A sporting paintings sale was held by Sotheby's Sussex yesterday to coincide with the opening of Glorious Goodwood.

Among a mixed bag of horse subjects, two paintings by Sir Alfred Munnings sold well.

His portrait of Dick Bullard, a lifelong friend, showing its subject in dun-coloured jacket riding a dun-coloured steed, fetched £59,400 (double upper estimate).

"Joe Lawson Mounted on a Bay Hack at Mantion", another friend on horseback, fetched £15,950 against an estimate of up to £12,000.

George Wright's painting of a hunt thundering towards the viewer diagonally out of grey mists sold for double its estimate at £25,850.

Among several surprising prices, a painting of a small boy carrying a dead rabbit on a stick in the manner of Dick Wittington sold for £10,450 against an estimate of up to £3,000, while a view of Henley

from the water, by Alfred Augustus Glendening, Sr, fetched £17,050 against an estimate of £3,000 to £5,000.

Meanwhile, Sotheby's Chester started selling the Crogen consignment, estates from the North Wales country houses of Henry Robertson, a 19th-century railway magnate.

Top lot at yesterday's sale of silver was a George III oval tea caddy by John Schofield of London, which fetched £1,375 against an estimate of £800 to £1,000. It was not from the family collection.

Mail sent from Francis Chichester to his family during his two round-the-world voyages, first by air in 1931, and the second by sea in 1966-67, sold modestly for £670 at Christie Robson Lowe in London yesterday.

## Wives ask to clean up prison

By Kerry Gill

Wives and mothers of the inmates in Glenochil prison near Alloa, in Scotland, yesterday offered to clean up cells after last week's troubles.

After a four-hour demonstration by 30 women relatives outside the gates, two representatives were allowed in to talk to Mr Sandy King, the acting governor.

The women's leader, Mrs Maureen Murphy, made the offer after seeing the wrecked and insanitary hall.

**Killing charge**

Peter Bruce, aged 25, of Harlescott Road, Dulwich, south London, who is charged with shooting dead Brian Hayward, a businessman, on July 4, was remanded in custody until August 23 at Marylebone Magistrates' Court, central London, yesterday.

**Isle link idea**

Isle of Wight councillors are being asked to support a scheme to investigate the "building of a bridge or a tunnel to the mainland. Mr Gareth Munn, an entrepreneur, believes a fixed link could be built for between £100 million and £300 million.

**Verdict switch**

A verdict of accidental death was substituted yesterday for one of acute abuse of a drug recorded in March last year on Lee Kendall, aged 14, of Hazel Way, Southwark, south London, who died after sniffing typewriter fluid.

**Hawk watch**

Bird wardens have put up infra-red detectors to protect a pair of rare goshawks nesting at a secret site in the middle of Thetford Forest in Norfolk.

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## Survey of voters maintains Shamir's hope for return to power

## Right gains support from young Israelis after uprising

From Ian Murray  
Jerusalem

Israeli youth are increasingly right-wing and seem ready to help Mr Yitzhak Shamir and his Likud faction return to power in November's general election.

Polls carried out by Modlin Ezrahi Research all point to a right-wing movement among the 300,000 youngsters eligible to vote for the first time. The research unit, which has just been chosen by Israeli television to conduct its polls, has also found a significant national swing away from Labour to the right-wing parties since the start of the Palestinian intifada (uprising) last December.

Before then Mr Shimon Peres and his Labour Party were riding high, even though Mr Shamir had been in the limelight as Prime Minister for more than a year. Since January, however, Labour's

popularity has been waning, and in March the right-wing parties took the lead in the polls — a position they have maintained.

Labour, at the peak of its popularity in September, 1986, could have expected to win 64 of the 120 Knesset seats, compared with 40 by the right. The most recent polls show that Labour can now hope to win only 46 seats, compared with 52 by the right.

Another 11 seats are considered safe for the small religious parties, who would form a coalition only with the right wing. Minority parties on the left would gain only six seats, while extreme right-wing parties would get five.

Dr Rachel Israeli, who is in charge of the polls, said that support for the two main blocks was now very similar to what it was after the last general election in 1984, which resulted in a dead

Tel Aviv (Reuter) — The first Israeli diplomats to visit the Soviet Union in 21 years set out yesterday, saying they would begin their trip by meeting Soviet Jews at a Moscow synagogue. The five delegation members will be in the Soviet Union for two months. The Netherlands has represented Israel in Moscow since the Kremlin severed diplomatic ties after the Six-Day War in 1967. Israeli officials regard the mission as an important step towards restoring full diplomatic relations.

Those who had shifted support to Mr Peres during his time as Prime Minister seemed to have moved back to the right since the start of the intifada.

This meant that at least 54 per cent of the electorate would continue to vote as before, largely along ethnic lines, with most

Western Jews backing Labour and Oriental Jews supporting Likud. Only 8.7 per cent were true floating voters.

But two key factors pointed to a right-wing victory: traditional Labour supporters were older and dying, while young voters coming on to the electoral roll for the first time tended to be right-wing.

These new voters are of the generation born and brought up since Israel occupied the West Bank and Gaza Strip, and of whom many are now doing military service in the "front line" against the Palestinian stone-throwers.

Polls show that, although 34 per cent support the left, 38 per cent would vote for the right and another 5 per cent are ready to back the extreme right-wing Kach party. Of the 18 per cent who said they were undecided, a majority

showed in answers to other questions that they supported the right. The remaining 5 per cent backed religious parties.

Another survey showed that support for right-wing policies is much more extreme, even among those who do not intend to vote for Kach. A quarter of the young people believed that the Palestinian problem should be solved by "transfer" — a euphemism for enforced mass deportation of the Arab population.

Other questions in polls also indicated that Labour's chances are dimming. A majority felt that the Likud's new list of election candidates, which contains no Arabs or Druze and only one woman with the chance of winning a seat, included the kind of personalities who could win votes.

Mr Peres has the personal satisfaction of knowing that he is

nationally still the most popular choice for Prime Minister, with 35 per cent wanting him compared with 32 per cent for Mr Shamir. However, among the young even this picture is reversed, with 40 per cent preferring the 73-year-old Likud leader to Mr Peres, 10 years his junior.

The polls are carried out regularly on a sample of 1,200 people, with results adjusted to allow for deliberate misinformation regularly provided by some groups. The kibbutzim, settlements and religious groups are not polled, but their highly predictable voting patterns are fed into the overall figure. There is also no attempt at polling the Israeli Arabs, 15 per cent of the electorate.

Dr Israeli said that the latest attempt at such a poll ended with 70 per cent of the Arabs refusing to give any information, "perhaps

because they thought our researchers were part of Shin Bet" (the counter-intelligence agency).

A poll among 1,200 Israeli Arabs by the East Jerusalem Arab weekly, *al-Baydar Asiyasi*, published this week, showed that traditional voting patterns were likely.

More than 27 per cent said they would not vote at all, which is in line with past elections. The Communist Party retained its traditional dominant role among the Arabs, with 21 per cent support.

Labour, with nearly 12 per cent, was twice as popular as Likud, with slightly more than 5 per cent. That, however, is double the support Arabs gave to Likud in the last election. The poll even showed that a tiny proportion of just more than 0.5 per cent were ready to support Kach.

## Burmese reshuffle hints at splits in the ruling party

Rangoon (AP) — Burma's governing Socialist Programme Party yesterday elected a former military officer, U Sein Lwin, to replace General Ne Win, who had wielded authoritarian power for 26 years.

A brief news release yesterday said the Central Committee elected U Sein Lwin, ranked fourth in the party hierarchy. It added that the deputy chairmanship of the party was left vacant and that U Aye Ko would retain the No 3 job of General Secretary. It was not clear why U Aye Ko was not promoted to the top

post. Succeeding U Sein Lwin as Joint General Secretary was U Kyaw Htin, a member of the party's most powerful body, the Central Executive Committee, who also has been serving as Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister.

Elected to fill vacancies on the Central Executive Committee were the Trade Minister, U Khin Maung Gyi, a Council of State member, Dr Maung Maung, and the Deputy Army Chief, Lieutenant-General Than Shwe. All belong to the Central Committee, which includes about

270 members. An extraordinary party congress session ended on Monday with a vaguely worded announcement and confusion — possibly reflecting splits within the ranks of the party.

After the congress ended, the 1,061 delegates were suddenly summoned back — some of them from areas outside Rangoon — but were not reconvened.

The official Radio Rangoon announced that delegates had "firmly suggested" that a referendum on Burma's one-party rule not be held. It also

failed to state clearly that the delegates accepted General Ne Win's resignation. A delegate said General Ne Win and U San Yu would be retained as "inactive members" of the party.

The apparent rejection of the one-party referendum, which had been proposed by General Ne Win, was the first time in memory that the party had failed to approve one of his proposals.

An emergency session of Parliament is due to convene today, apparently to act on the referendum proposal.

## Man in the News

## Hardliner takes the helm in Rangoon

By Anatol Lieven

The choice of U Sein Lwin, aged 64, as the new chairman of the Burma Socialist Programme Party has been the most surprising development in a week not short on surprises.

Burmese and foreign observers had been unanimous in considering him the most likely scapegoat to appease the discontented Burmese people.

A well-known hardliner, U Sein Lwin has been Joint General Secretary since 1985, but has played a leading part in internal security since the 1962 coup that brought General Ne Win and the one-party system to power.

He has been close to General Ne Win since serving in his nationalist battalion in the years before independence from Britain.

He was in charge of the riot police when they brutally suppressed student-led protests in

Rangoon in March. Stories of police torture and rape were important in turning the mood of the population against the Government. Since the demonstrations began again last month, there have been reports of several revenge killings of police by students.

Last week the Government admitted for the first time that 41 prisoners had suffocated in a police van during the March riots. The Home Minister and a senior police officer resigned in consequence.

U Sein Lwin was one of five other officials who offered their resignations, on Saturday, together with that of General Ne Win. Only those of General Ne Win and President San Yu were accepted.

If the intention was to pacify the rioters, then the decision to make U Sein Lwin chairman is illogical — it will inflame the students. The most likely explanation is that a power

struggle is raging between reformers and hardliners.

This explanation has been advanced by former Brigadier-General Aung Gyi in an interview with the BBC World Service. General Aung Gyi, who broke with General Ne Win over his policies but appears to have remained on good terms, implied that General Ne Win was sincere in his proposal that Burma should hold a referendum on multi-party democracy.

Apparently a majority of the leadership, fearful of a complete loss of power, opposed General Ne Win's wishes and yesterday elected the hardline U Sein Lwin in place of U Maung Maung Kha, the Prime Minister, who was the moderate candidate and a close supporter of General Ne Win. U Maung Maung Kha has been sacked from his post.

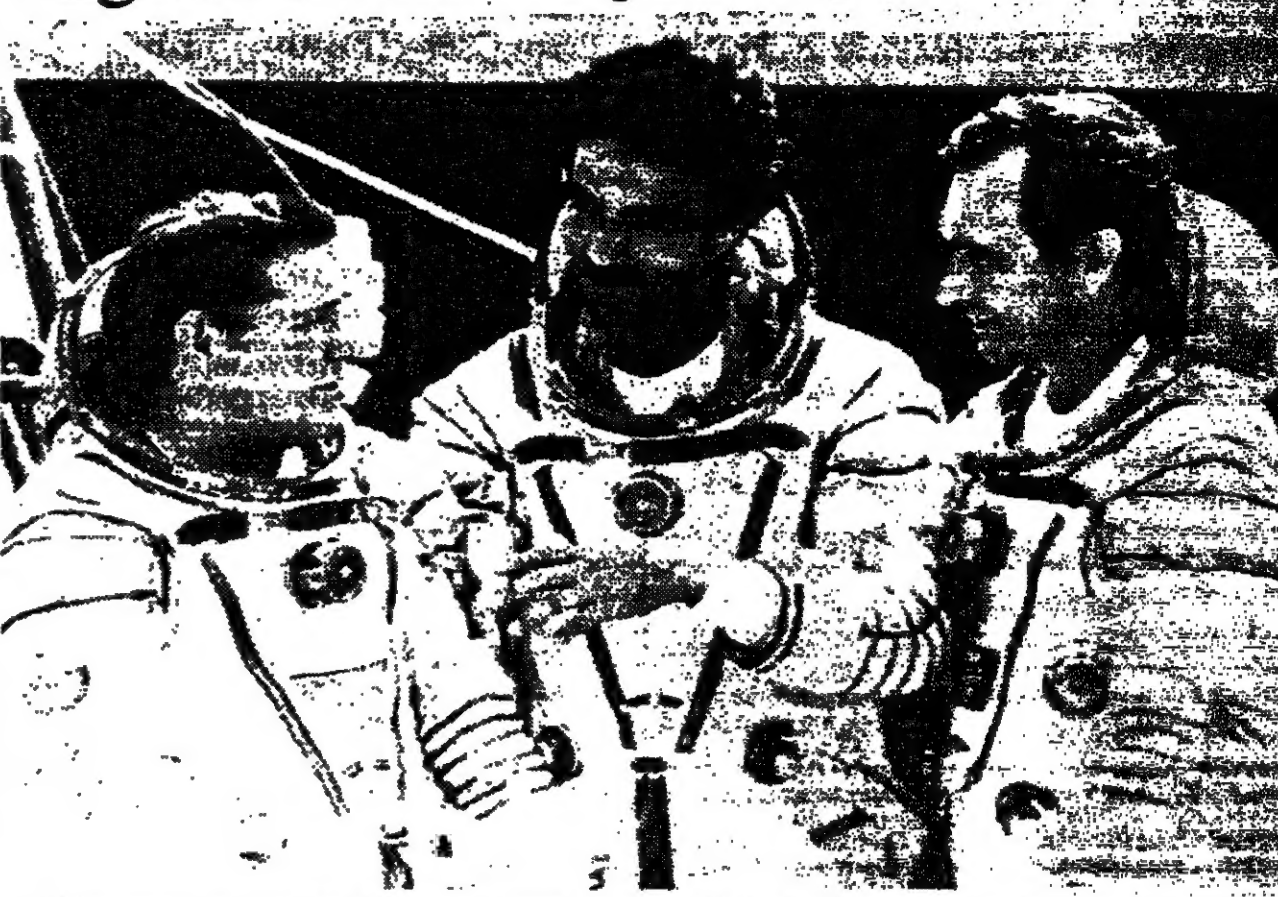
General Ne Win is now reportedly seeking to reverse

their decision in the Parliament that begins today.

Some observers consider it possible that all this is a ruse by General Ne Win to get the Burmese people to call on him to remain instead of the hated U Sein Lwin. Most Burmese apparently now think, however, that General Ne Win's long grip on power has been fractured, and the leadership is up for grabs.

If so, U Sein Lwin's are certainly capable and ruthless hands — as he has proved both in command of the riot police and in the Army during the wars with ethnic insurgents. Diplomatic sources have reported that an important factor in bringing General Ne Win to accept reform was pressure from West Germany and Japan, without whose aid Burma will be bankrupt. It is unlikely that either will be pleased or reassured by the appointment of U Sein Lwin.

## Afghan trains for joint space mission



An Afghan researcher, Mr Abdul Mokhammad (centre), speaking with the Soviet cosmonaut Vladimir Lyakhov (left) and a physician, Dr Valery Polyakov, as they undertook sea training for a joint Afghan-Soviet space mission.

## Rebels step up Kabul rocket barrage

Islamabad (Reuter) — Afghan guerrillas rained 170 rockets on Kabul last week in one of the most sustained barrages of the nine-year war, Western diplomats said yesterday.

The French Embassy was badly hurt, an Islamabad-based diplomat said. Another rocket narrowly missed the US mission. Saturday's barrage was the heaviest of the week, with 60 rockets, he said.

So far this month more than 200 rockets have hit Kabul, with at least one attack every

day and sometimes salvos of up to 10 at a time.

But Mr Ijaz Gilani, an Afghan analyst with Pakistan's Institute of Strategic Studies, said there was no indication that rebel forces trying to topple the Soviet-backed Government were in any position seriously to threaten the capital. "It seems to me their point is to demonstrate their ability to hit Kabul when they want."

A Western analysis shows guerrilla activity much greater than at any time this year.

There were five protracted barrages apparently entailing co-ordinated guerrilla action from different sides of the city, another diplomat said.

Co-ordinated attacks have been rare since 1984-1985, when Soviet and Afghan government forces expanded their defensive rings around the city to try to stop the Mujahideen rebels from getting within rocket range.

The diplomat said that the guerrillas were able to strike at Kabul with such intensity because Soviet and Afghan

forces had withdrawn from their outermost defences.

They had also recently acquired longer-range rockets. The seizure of territory south of Kabul has given them control of infiltration routes from border areas.

Last week's barrage appeared aimed largely at the north and north-west of the city, where there are large military installations, and the south-western areas, housing the Soviet Embassy, Soviet army headquarters and the Defence Ministry.

## WORLD ROUNDUP

## Pardon halts trial of security men

Harare — Charges against two senior Zimbabwean law officers over the death of a physically handicapped Briton alleged to have been severely assaulted in their custody, have been withdrawn (Jan Raath writes).

Witnesses due to give evidence against Mr Blessing Zundiza, the Central Intelligence Organization officer in charge in the southern town of Beitbridge, and Mr Misheck Zwamashakwa, the police commander there, were told to go home on Monday after the state prosecutor at the Bulawayo Regional Court learnt that Mr Zundiza had been on a presidential pardon list since May.

Mr Colin Anderson, aged 47, who was hunched back because of a spinal disease, was arrested after an argument in a bar in Beitbridge in March 1986, and interrogated by the two security men. He died after being taken to hospital with a broken neck and severe bruising.

## Manila rejects offer

Manila — The Philippines suspended talks on the future of US military bases in the country, saying that Washington was not offering enough money (Humphrey Hawksley writes). The Government said "there was substantial disagreement on the compensation issue".

WASHINGTON: The State Department said there had been a number of breakdowns in negotiations and talks were expected to resume. Mr Charles Redman said the end of the month was a "target date" for completing the talks.

## Anti-Gandhi merger

Delhi — Four of India's opposition parties took a step towards formal merger yesterday in a move intended to challenge the dominance of the Congress Party of the Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi (Our Correspondent writes).

Mr V.P. Singh, the former Defence Minister who defeated the Government candidate in a June by-election in Allahabad, said that the planned new party, the Samajwadi Janata Dal (Socialist People's Party), would bring together his Jan Morcha party with the Janata Party, the Lok Dal and the Congress-S Party. A formal merger is planned for August 15.

## Libya link in attack

Athens — A senior Greek police officer yesterday confirmed that weapons linked with the massacre on the cruise ship City of Poros two weeks ago belonged to an Italian arms consignment sold to Libya (A Correspondent writes).

Similar weapons have been used in IRA attacks in Europe, he said. Police believe the attack was an attempt to force the release of Mohammed Rashid, a Palestinian jailed in Greece.

## Heatwave kills 1,300

Peking (Reuter) — Crematoria in southern China are working overtime to cope with victims of a prolonged heatwave which has killed more than 1,300 people.

A manager of Hangzhou's city funeral parlour said yesterday that none of his staff could take time off and were working double shifts in their three premises.

## Union battle at printing plant embarrasses Rocard

From Philip Jacobson  
Paris

Tear-gas grenades, shotgun blasts and volleys of catapulted ball bearings have ushered in the most serious confrontation between France's Communists and the newly elected Socialist Government.

The violent clashes that erupted this week at a printing plant in the Paris suburbs serve as an ominous message to the Prime Minister, M Michel Rocard, that the hardline left, on whose support his minority administration depends, hopes to wreck the lingering prospects of a political *ouverture* (opening) towards the centre.

The ugly scenes at the factory in Massy, where some 500 militants from the Communist-led CGT union battled with private security

guards hired by the owner, M Jean Didier, have underlined concern in government circles that the extreme left is intent on exploiting its vital parliamentary votes.

The "victory" at Massy, when workers succeeded in occupying the plant and forcing the owner off the premises, has been heralded as the start of a wider mobilization to impose the unions' will on the Rocard Government.

The origins of the dispute with M Didier, a former print worker who has built up an extremely prosperous business printing a range of France's leading magazines, are now almost forgotten. Towards the middle of June a scuffle between two of his workers led to their dismissal, which was speedily followed by a three-day protest strike. In response

M Didier, who is often described as an irascible and authoritarian employer, promptly declared a lock-out. Despite a subsequent court order to lift this, he went on to demand the sacking of another 22 employees, almost all of whom were CGT representatives at his plant.

Inevitably the affair became a cause célèbre in union circles, where tempers were not improved by the recent ruling from the supreme constitutional court that the Government's proposed amnesty for militant trade unionists dismissed for serious breaches of discipline was illegal.

While the CGT was saying that this decision would be actively opposed "in every factory, in law, and if necessary in the streets", Didier employees began an increas-

ingly active protest campaign, occupying other printing works and destroying many thousands of magazines awaiting distribution in the Paris region.

From the start the Government's attitude has been somewhat ambivalent. M Jean-Pierre Soisson, the Minister of Labour, has called on M Didier to end the lockout pending official arbitration — a proposal the crusty industrialist turned down flat.

When yesterday's well-advised confrontation began, M Pierre Joxe, the Minister of the Interior, refrained from dispatching uniformed police to the scene until hostilities were well under way.

According to M Joxe, who is considered to be to the left of the Prime Minister, the forces of law and order, hard-pressed at the height

of the holiday season, could hardly be expected to hold the ring in this "lamentable business".

In the event, after a running battle lasting several hours, M Didier, flanked by hired security men, left the Massy plant under escort from the much-feared CRS riot squad and the jubilant militants moved in.

Windows were smashed and a number of cars on the premises thoroughly vandalized, but printing machinery was not damaged.

The Government has now appointed a mediator to try to resolve the dispute. But as M Rocard well understands, the left wing of his own Socialist Party wants nothing to do with "centrism" and is spooling for a fight over the direction of government policy in the minefield of labour relations.

## Slovenes exchange their dinars for fast living

From Richard Bassett, Ljubljana

Standing with her gleaming new motor scooter, Luchka is no stranger to luxury. With her friends, all second-year medical students, she epitomizes the wealth and materialism which have converted a sleepy Alpine town into a brash, fast-moving city in less than two years.

Schminke is the term border Slovenes give to this new well-heeled class of pampered teenagers, familiar in Rome or Vienna, but until quite recently unheard of in communist Yugoslavia.

Their parents have made small fortunes by taking advantage of Slovenia's relatively liberal economy. Sons or daughters of artisans or private shop-owners, the *schminke* have money to burn, with inflation running at more than 100 per cent, few parents want to save any dinars. Spare cash has to be spent as soon as it is earned, and at night a once-deserted 18th-century town centre resounds to scooters racing across the cobbles from one bar to another.

This new materialism is a sign of Slovenia's status as the purse of Yugoslavia. More than a quarter of the country's

entire income, Slovenes claim, is generated in the northernmost republic, inhabited by barely two million people.

But not all Slovenes are happy with the changes. The flashy conversion of old hotels into marble-and-brass discotheques is seen by some young Slovenes as the cheapest form of materialism. Older party members are equally sceptical.

However vulgar, the new fashion is encouraged by some official circles in Slovenia. Recently the Slovene Tourist Office adopted the slogan "Slovenia, my Homeland", a phrase which drew angry criti-

cism from Belgrade and accusations from Serbs that the Slovenes were Germanophile and neo-fascist.

These Serbian fears were reinforced by the dramatic success of the Slovene rock group Laibach, whose German name, black costumes, and cropped hair confirmed southern Yugoslav suspicions about the republic's geographical proximity to the German-speaking world.

Laibach's members say they are not neo-Nazis. They only hate us because we mirror their own totalitarian approach to life and show how

absurd their party discipline is," one of the group insisted.

The Slovenes are not nostalgic for the days of German or Austrian rule. But their geographical position, sandwiched between Italy and Austria, gives them a different outlook from the Serbs in Belgrade. Perhaps no one illustrates this better than Slovenia's chief of police, Mr Peter Celik, a sociology graduate who has studied in Paris and has a most un-Balkan manner.

In the trial of four young Slovenes accused of handling military secrets, the police have received praise for being

"the most rational figures in this game". Even *Mladina*, the Slovene youth magazine, three of whose journalists are on trial, is unstinting in praising the police.

Keeping a low profile outside the closed military court where yesterday hundreds of Slovenes again gathered to lay flowers at the foot of the impassive Serbian sentries, the Slovene police have a difficult job.

The Army suspects them already of being soft on the opposition in Ljubljana. If it ever came to civil disobedience, it remains an open

question what their response would be.

Among those supporting the *Mladina* journalists are veterans of the partisan war against the Nazis and a host of middle-aged professional women. Despite this broad consensus of support among Slovenes for *Mladina*, nationalism is not at the root of the trial. Rather it is a dispute between the old guard (in Slovenia as well as in Serbia) and the forces which liberalization unleashes on a civilized Central European intelligentsia enjoying a much higher standard of living than its ultimate masters in Belgrade.

While elements of Slovenia society are embracing the late 1980s with vigour, other sections, including the Army and some members of the party, are still frozen in the Tito era, mindful of their privileges and fearful of any change.

With the deteriorating economic situation, it is money more than ever — as the privileged scooter-riders of Ljubljana show — which becomes the key to prestige, and ultimately Yugoslavia's future.





## Pyongyang proposals and a rail strike bring confusion to South Korea

## North makes fresh offer for Olympics

From John Gittelsohn, Seoul

North Korea proposed yesterday that its members of Parliament meet Southern MPs to discuss co-hosting and participation in the Olympic Games which begin in Seoul on September 17.

Seoul had no response to the invitation, but it came as something of a blow to hopes for incipient North-South détente.

On Monday South Korean National Assembly leaders agreed in principle to meet members of North Korea's Supreme People's National Assembly to discuss a non-aggression pact for the divided peninsula. Today marks the 35th anniversary of the armistice agreement that ended the 1950-1953 Korean War.

The latest North Korean offer complicates any North-South meeting because it requires a negotiated end to decades of hostility in the 52 days before the Olympics.

Additionally, the International Olympic Committee and other international sports federations would have first to

agree to any co-hosting plan for the Olympic Games.

North Korea has refused to attend the Games, rejecting as insufficient an IOC offer to host all or part of five events.

Mr Park Seol-jik, president of the Seoul Olympic organizing committee, told foreign journalists on Friday that he would still welcome North Korean athletes to Seoul but that it was too late to hold any events in Pyongyang.

In response to protests calling for unification, President Roh of South Korea put forward on July 7 a new policy to open contacts between the two Koreas. His administration has since issued a series of edicts to reduce tensions.

South Koreans almost universally welcome the inter-parliamentary meeting, setting up the prospects for the first bilateral contacts since North Korea broke off talks in 1985.

"The real question is why at this time the North came forward with their proposals," a Western diplomat said. "It could be based on a reading of



The wife of a striking railway worker weeping in front of a line of riot police after her husband was detained during police dispersal of workers at a Seoul station yesterday. It is the first strike to affect South Korea's railway system.

the domestic political situation, a reading of the international situation, or a variety of things."

Some observers said North Korea chose to meet the Opposition-controlled National Assembly, hoping to exploit Seoul's political differences. But South Korean politicians have rejected any such idea.

"I don't know North Korea's intentions," said Mr Kim Dae Jung, leader of the biggest opposition faction in the

assembly. "But I think the Opposition can co-operate with the Government in dealing with North Korea."

Strike arrests: Police detained more than 2,000 people in a bid to crush a strike by train drivers that paralysed the South Korean railway system yesterday.

The first strike against the nationalized railways stranded hundreds of thousands of commuters and travellers. An average of 1.4 million people use the trains

each day. Shipments of coal, petroleum and manufactured goods were halted as the strike affected all goods trains.

The Prime Minister, Mr Lee Hyun Jae, called an emergency Cabinet meeting on the illegal strike and threatened to punish union leaders. "The Government has decided to eradicate such illegal union activities, even if it requires considerable cost," a spokesman for the Prime Minister said.

The rail strike began after drivers rejected a wage agreement. Among their seven main demands was a call for a reduction of their working week from an average of 61 hours to 36 hours.

To keep trains running, the

## Vietnam demands end to support for Khmer Rouge

Bogor, Indonesia (Renter) — Vietnam and the Cambodian Prime Minister, Mr Hun Sen, have demanded an end to outside support for the Khmer Rouge and a dismantling of its guerrilla army.

The Vietnamese Foreign Minister, Mr Nguyen Co Thach, said in a speech at the Cambodian peace talks here that a settlement of the Cambodian conflict could not take place without the removal of the Khmer Rouge leadership under Pol Pot and what he termed the rejection of their armed forces.

"We should try our best to make this informal meeting a good opening for the process of peace in Kampuchea and in South-East Asia," he said.

Vietnam, which invaded Cambodia in late 1978 to oust Pol Pot's Peking-supported Khmer Rouge, says the Khmer Rouge was responsible for hundreds of thousands of deaths during a reign of terror of almost four years.

Cambodia's warring factions discussed Phnom Penh's peace plan and rival formulas to end the bloodshed in the tranquil surroundings of a Dutch colonial mansion outside the Indonesian capital. The Khmer Rouge is represented at the Indonesian-sponsored talks by its president, Mr Khieu Samphan.

Presenting his plan, Mr

Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Vietnamese-installed Government, said the Pol Pot leadership must be eliminated and there must be an end to outside help for the guerrillas, estimated at 35,000 men.

He put forward his proposals at the opening session on Monday, the first full-scale Cambodian peace conference since Vietnam invaded almost 10 years ago.

The Indonesian Foreign Minister, Mr Ali Alatas, describing the atmosphere on Monday as good and constructive, said the aim of yesterday's session was to thrash out areas of difference between the four factions, divided by more than a decade of bloodshed and enmity.

Mr Hun Sen's plan would give a central role to Prince Norodom Sihanouk, who has headed the resistance to the Vietnamese military presence in Cambodia, and he called for an International Control Commission to supervise a future accord. But he rejected a suggestion by Prince Sihanouk, who is not at the informal meetings, that his Government be disbanded before elections are held.

He said all agreed on the need to build an independent and non-aligned Cambodia, but that there must be an end to outside help for the Khmer Rouge as Vietnam withdraws.

## Australia and the Crown

## Hayden sidesteps Liberal charge of republicanism

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

Mr John Howard, the leader of the Opposition in Australia, looked aggrieved. The representative of *The Times* had called at his London hotel with the unwelcome news that Mr Bill Hayden, the country's Foreign Minister, had denied being a republican.

Ever since Mr Howard took over the leadership of the Liberals in 1985, one of his problems has been a shortage of issues with voter appeal. Mr Howard sensed a small but useful opportunity recently when it became clear that Mr Hawke was testing public reaction to the possible appointment of Mr Hayden as Governor-General. The Liberal leader felt convinced that

others, said: "I am delighted he has now changed his mind, but isn't that convenient? I would have more respect for Bill Hayden if he said he would not accept the job because he did not believe in it. He is being seduced by the prestige of the job to modify long-held views."

Mr Howard's second line of attack, based on the idea that a serving politician should not be appointed Governor-General, has also turned out to be flawed. Mr Howard says that he, as Prime Minister, would never appoint his own Foreign Minister to the job, but acknowledges that his predecessors have not always been so careful. Two former Liberal Foreign Ministers have been made Governor-General, and one was serving at the time.

Mr Hayden, a former leader of the Labor Party who was deposed by Mr Hawke before the 1983 election, has not confirmed that he would accept the post if offered it.

The appointment is made by the Queen, but it would be unthinkable for her to refuse the Prime Minister's recommendation.

The Hawke Government has shown no interest in abolishing the post or its powers, even though it was a Labor Prime Minister, Mr Gough Whitlam, who was dismissed in 1975 by the Governor-General of the day, Sir John Kerr.

The monarch's theoretical power to disallow Australian legislation, which has never been used, has also failed to emerge as a political issue. A report by a constitutional commission generated less interest than expected, and a referendum to be held on September 8 on whether the electoral term should be extended from three to four years, and other issues, has aroused only a low-key debate.

Mr Howard favours retaining the Queen's reserve powers, but acknowledges that it is "not an issue at all".



Mr Howard: Short of issues with appeal for electorate.

Mr Hayden was a long-standing advocate of dropping Australia's constitutional link with the Crown. His appointment would be like making an atheist the Archbishop of Canterbury, he declared.

Mr Hayden has now ruined that argument. In an interview published in Australia on Sunday, he said: "I have never expressed that view. There is no evidence on the record." Other remarks implied that he may have thought republican thoughts, but had not voiced them.

Mr Howard, who is in London for meetings with Mrs Thatcher, Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, and

## Inquiry begins on riot by Aborigines

From Christopher Morris, Sydney

The West Australian port of Geraldton was tense but calm last night after an investigation was ordered into a riot by Aborigines protesting at the death in police custody of an Aboriginal football player.

Eddie Cameron, aged 23, was found hanging in a police cell less than an hour after his arrest a fortnight ago. He was the 108th Aborigine to die in police custody since 1981 — another death to be added to the list for investigation by a Royal Commission.

The riots lasted three hours and were some of the worst racial disturbances in Australia in recent years. Some 700 Aborigines had come to Geraldton to attend the funeral. Afterwards a mob went into the city and started wrecking the Freemasons' Hotel.

The Premier of Western Australia, Mr Peter Dowding, blamed outside influence for the riot and city officials blamed the trouble on alcohol and tensions among the Ab-

origines, claiming that many of them were drunk.

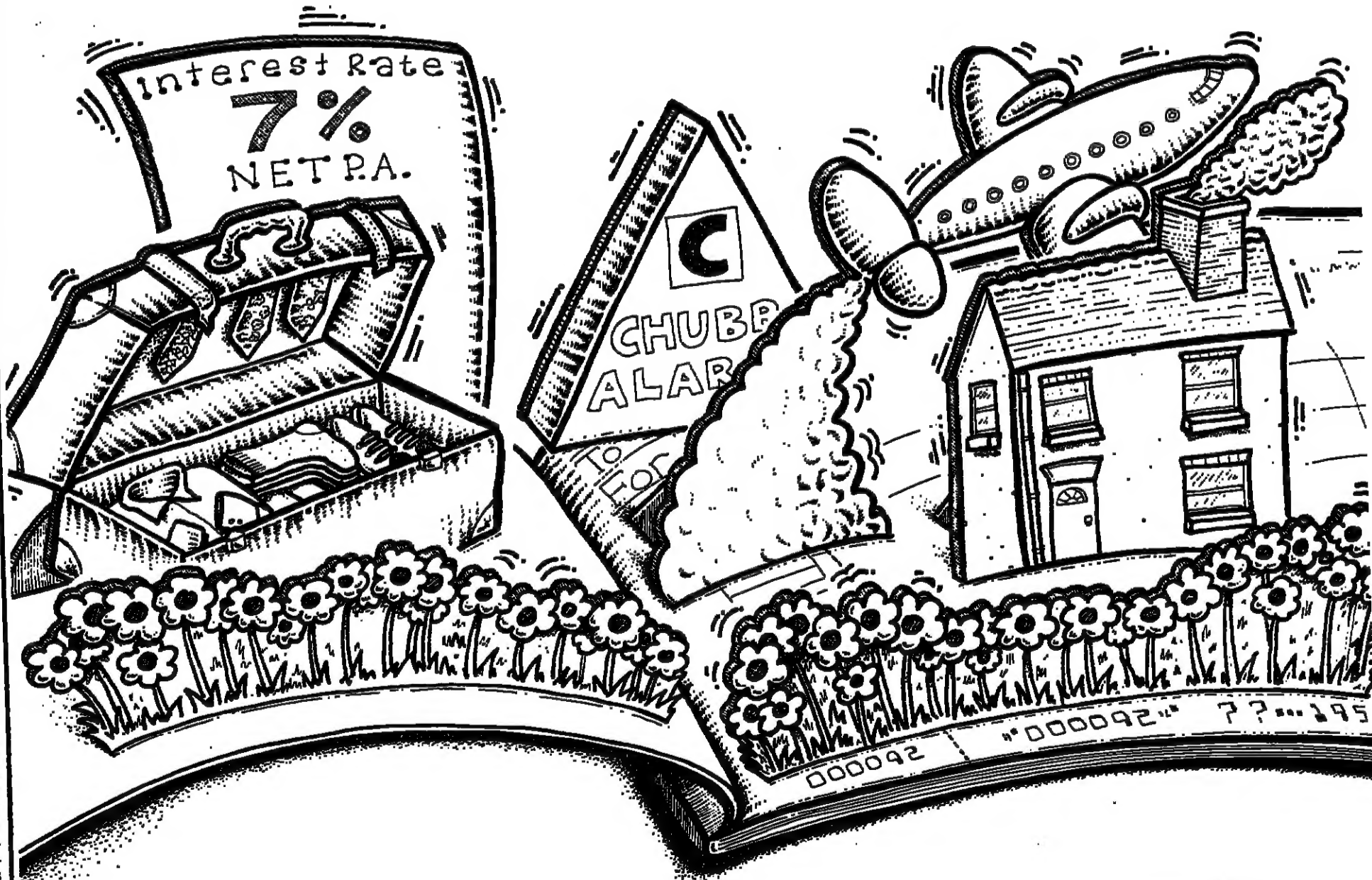
The controversial issue of Aboriginal deaths in custody is causing deep concern and embarrassment for the Government. The Royal Commission, headed by Mr Justice Muirhead, to investigate the deaths has been sitting for seven months and has so far dealt with only four cases.

Justice Muirhead has expressed frustration at how long the hearings are taking. He has also criticized the Commission as "essentially white-dominated".

Three extra commissioners have begun separate hearings in an attempt to investigate all 108 deaths before the Commission's reporting date at the end of next year.

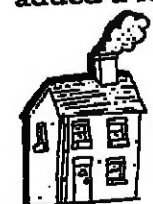
To remedy the white domination of the inquiry, Justice Muirhead has said that the commissioners would consult Aboriginal representatives with the aim of setting up advisory committees.

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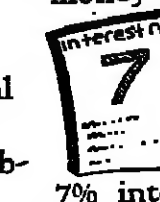
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## PARLIAMENT

# Opposition onslaught on housing benefit change

The Government's changes in the social security system and its transitional arrangements for those worst affected by alterations to housing benefit came in for sustained attack from the Labour Party.

Opening an Opposition debate, Mr Robin Cook, chief spokesman on health and social security, moved a motion calling on the Government to reverse the "savage cuts" in housing benefit imposed last April.

He rejected criticism of Mr John Moore, Secretary of State in charge of both health and social services until yesterday's Government changes, which split the department, leaving Mr Moore in charge of only the latter. Mr Cook said that the problem was not that Mr Moore was not a good salesman, but that no one wanted to buy the Government's policies on welfare.

Mr Nicholas Scott, Minister of State for Social Security, moved an amendment that applauded the Government's recent reforms of social security.

He said that the new system was more flexible. The Government had had the courage to tackle the inadequacies of the previous system.

Mr Cook said that as an act of deliberate policy the Government had removed housing benefit from one million claimants and reduced it for four and a half million others.

How popular that step had turned out to be could be judged from the front pages of today's newspapers in which the Secretary of State who had had to defend those cuts to the House was variously described as "shunted sideways", "chopped

in half" and "sidelined".

"Over the past 12 months, I have developed a degree of affection for my sparring partner. I am not always sure that the affection was reciprocated."

"Since his skills at presentation have been somewhat criticized over the past 24 hours, may I take this opportunity of putting on the record that I for one am quite sure that if it were possible to make popular the idea that taking £10 off the weekly benefit of a pensioner was a step towards ending the dependency culture, then he could have achieved it."

"The reason why the Government is in trouble over health and social security is not because the man at the top was not a good salesman. The reason is that no one wants to buy their policies on welfare" (loud Labour cheers).

One of today's papers said that the Secretary of State was now left with the "dull routine of benefit payments."

"Let me offer encouragement to the Secretary of State because he may need cheering up in his current position. Those of our constituents who live on benefit do not regard the question of their payment as a dull routine. On the contrary, they are matters of vital necessity."

Housing benefit had been cut by £40, £80 and £100 a month for people who were, by definition, on low incomes. The most telling evidence of poverty was that constituents simply could not afford to pay the new levels of rents being demanded.

On April 27, the Secretary of State had given up attempting to defend his scheme. Instead, he had split out an emergency package to mitigate the worst effects.

Labour MPs had been invited then and were invited now in

the Government amendment to applaud the Government's generosity in protecting people from the worst consequences of its own cuts.

The Government had done the minimum necessary to buy off a rebellion from its own backbenchers. He feared that those backbenchers were about to discover from outraged constituents that they had been bought off too cheaply.

Not only had the first payments gone out from the transitional protection unit but the first rejection slips had gone out too.

Every backbench MP represented 7,500 housing-benefit losers. Many of those losers would be in touch with MPs in coming weeks as the rejection slips came through from the transitional protection unit.

Many of those excluded had fallen down one of the many quagmires in the new regulations, like that of people who spent more than six weeks in hospital and who had their housing benefit reduced by 85p in the pound for income over £8.25p a week. That did not apply to people in private hospitals. There was specific provision to protect the housing benefit of paying patients.

Ministers had made much of the 4,500 applications a day. That was a tiny fraction of housing benefit claims. If half were paid out every day it would take until February to hit the Government's own target of claims with transitional protection and some of those would lose protection again in March.

The minister had written that some claims would lose protection at the end of the first year and others at the end of the second year.

"Transitional protection is to be subject, apparently, to an

erosion factor which has yet to be announced. Let us have it announced today and find out how long transition protection is going to last."

Mr Nicholas Scott, Minister of State for Social Security, moved a Government amendment which applauded the Government's recent reforms of social security and noted that these would result in more money being spent in a way which was better targeted towards those most in need.

The amendment also recognized that the coverage of housing benefit had become too broad, noted that after the reforms housing benefit would still be received by more households than in 1979 and welcomed the Government's announcement that some transitional protection for losses in housing benefit was to be made available to people in vulnerable groups.

It commended the Government for the speed with which the unit to administer these payments had been set up and congratulated it on meeting its stated target of making the first payments in July.

He said that he believed that the new system would turn out to be more desirable and flexible than its predecessor. The reforms were intended to simplify the system of social security so that claimants were more aware of their entitlements, so that the staff were better able to administer that system and so that a better service could be delivered.

Of course this was a huge change and no change of that sort came in without problems in the introduction. But this Government had at least had the courage to tackle the inadequacies and complexities and many of the nonsensical of the old system and to introduce a new one.



Mrs Virginia Bottomley, appointed an Under-Secretary of State at the Department of the Environment, pictured yesterday with Mr John Gummer, who moves from agriculture to the environment department

## Labour demand for assurance on nurses' pay

Mr Neil Kinnock used the Government reshuffle as a means of again pressing the Prime Minister during questions on the funding of the nurses' pay award.

The Leader of the Opposition asked whether the appointment of a new Secretary of State for Health meant that the Government was now ready to provide the actual cost of the nurses' pay award and the grading review.

Mrs Thatcher said that many people had thought for some time that the DHSS should be divided up. She had been in the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance when it had been mooted that the two should be put together.

She thought that the two departments together were more than any one person could legitimately undertake.

Regarding nurses' pay, the Government had provided the full amount, estimated by the review body to be £803 million, and believed that that should be sufficient for a fair implementation of the new structural pay agreement. She hoped that the

regional health authorities and the districts would get on with making that structural arrangement work.

Mr Kinnock asked if the Prime Minister recalled that the pay review body had said that the actual cost of its recommendations might well differ from the estimates. Would she now give a specific undertaking that, if the actual costs were higher than the estimates, she would make up the difference? Or would she betray the nurses and patients again (Conservative protests)?

Mrs Thatcher said that the Government believed that the £803 million was sufficient to do a fair implementation of the structural pay agreement. It was for the regions to determine how to allocate the funds to districts because they were best placed to take account of local factors

## Brittan 'well placed'

Mr Leon Brittan, the newly nominated European commissioner, would be well placed to represent Britain at extremely difficult and important discussions for the future of Europe and the Commission, Mrs Thatcher said during questions.

She was replying to a protest by Mr Thomas McAuley (Glasgow, Rutherglen, Lab), who said that there was widespread anger at her appointment of Mr Brittan as a European Commissioner. The appointment was regarded by the overwhelming majority (Conservative pro-

tests) as a pay-off for silence.

Mrs Thatcher: The nomination of Mr Brittan is an excellent one.

Labour MP: Why did you sack him, then?

Mrs Thatcher: The nomination of a former trade and industry secretary was an excellent one. I have strongly felt that we should put up someone with considerable experience of Cabinet office.

"I hope that the Opposition will see fit to put up names as distinguished."

## Speaker to look into allegation

### COMMONS

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) after repeated demands from Labour MPs, agreed to investigate an allegation that the Government had put pressure on the chairman of a select committee to alter its report.

The report, from the Select Committee on Agriculture, said that lambs contaminated after the Chernobyl disaster had got into the food chain.

Opposition MPs complained that the report had been "nobbed" and "tampered with."

Mr Eric Martlew (Carlisle, Lab) said that the report said that it was "highly probable" that lambs had got into the food chain, but at a press conference today, the committee chairman (Mr Jerry Wiggin, Weston-Super-Mare, C) had instructed the clerk to knock out the word "highly".

The only reason was that the chairman had been "got at"

Mr Wiggin said that he had instructed the alteration to be made because there had been a misprint in the summary of recommendations.

Answering repeated points of order, the Speaker said that this was not a matter for him but for the committee itself.

Mr Eric Heffer (Liverpool, Lab): I ask you to say for once that you will actually look into the matter, that you will consider it and report back to the House.

The Speaker said the House would think it wrong for him to assume responsibilities which he did not have.

But, after what Mr Heffer had said and in order to allow the day's business to proceed, he would look into the matter.

## Hotel 'far too dear for Britain'

Rather than spend money on hotel, the horizontal take-off and landing space vehicle, it should go on projects of greater advantage to Britain, the Prime Minister said at question time.

Dr David Owen, Leader of the SDP, in view of the short-sighted decision not to give further financial support to the hotel project, will she agree to declassify the patent, and if any other government is prepared to come forward in a collaborative project, will this Government support that policy?

Mrs Thatcher: Hotel is only in its very, very early research stages. It is a concept of a space plane to reduce the cost of launching satellites.

There is no question of this country being able to finance research of such enormous cost — £4 to £6 billion — and our money should go to other projects of greater advantage.

## Welcome for university moves

The following report of a Lords debate on the Education Reform Bill appeared in later editions yesterday.

Last-minute amendments tabled by the Government to guarantee that consultations are held over the proposed changes to university funds were welcomed by academic peers during the final stages of the Bill in the Lords, when amendments made in the Commons were considered.

Peers also approved by 173 votes to 85 — Government majority, 88, changes to the ballot procedures for taking a school out of local authority control and giving it grant-maintained status directly under the Department of Education.

Lord Swann (Ind) tabled an amendment to write into the Bill assurances given by Mr Kenneth Baker (Secretary of State for Education and Science) that the proposed University Funding Council (UFC), and the similar body for polytechnics, will consult widely before allocating public funds.

The Government, however, tabled amendments to achieve the same objective.

Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, said that the Government amendments added machinery for consultation before the terms and conditions imposed on grants by the proposed UFC and Polytechnics and Colleges Funding Council were decided.

The Government had never proposed an attack on universities — quite the reverse.

Lord Swann said that he welcomed the Government amendments which were exactly what he wanted and phrased better than his own.

He and other academic peers believed that consultations would provide a lasting statutory weapon in cases of need and dispel the short-term, and in some cases long-term, apprehensions in the academic world.

Lord Beloff (C) said that the Government had advanced considerably from the original Bill.

The Government's amendments were approved.

Later, the Government promised to look again at an amendment from Lady Young (C) to create a special category of school for children aged 5 to 18, of Britons working there.

Under the amendment, there would be a grant scheme to enable children of British parents working in another EEC member state to benefit by education at such a school.

It would allow for measures to help recruitment of teachers for such schools, and for their subsequent redeployment in the United Kingdom.

Lady Hooper, Under Secretary of State, Education and Science, said that the Government was in no doubt about the strength of feeling on this.

The Government would be giving the complex questions involved all the attention they deserved. The amendment was withdrawn.

● An Opposition amendment

to the Housing Bill to stop landlords demanding "premium or 'key money'" from tenants seeking assured short-term tenancies was rejected by 129 votes to 69 during the second day of committee stage.

It was moved by Lord Dean of Berwick, an Opposition spokesman, who said that some landlords would abuse the right to charge premiums.

The amendment was supported by Lady Macleod of Borve (C) who said that if it was made so expensive that people needing to rent had also to pay a premium, the whole purpose of what the Government was trying to do was undermined.

Lord Ross of Newport (SLD) said that in some cases thousands of pounds could be demanded for a premium charge.

The Earl of Caithness, Minister of State for the Environment, said that to put up barriers to landlords who wanted to get tenants into empty properties could only be detrimental to the aims of the Bill.

## Petition on 'illegal taxation'

A petition from Mr Robert Anthony Fisher, of Watford, protesting against the imposition of a tax on winning bets which had not been authorized by Parliament was presented today on Tuesday by Mr Austin Mitchell (Great Grimsby, Lab).

The petition said that, although Parliament had abolished on-course betting duty in 1987, proprietors of several greyhound stadiums had persuaded bookmakers to levy a tax on all winning bets and to deliver the proceeds to them for their use or benefit.

Parliament had set the off-course betting duty at 8 per cent, but some, including Ladbrokes, William Hill, Mecca, Coral, and Alistair & Sons had imposed rates above 8 per cent on Mr Fisher and converted the surplus to their own devices and benefit.

It asked the Commons to make it a punishable offence to demand or receive any tax unauthorised by Parliament or a rate of tax in excess of that sanctioned by Parliament.

## Complaint rejected

A Scottish MP, unhappy that Mrs Thatcher had neglected to include the Scottish Office in her reshuffle, told that the Scottish Office was working extremely well.

Mr Andrew Welsh (Angus East, SNP) will see out the mess at the Scottish Office? No law officer or agriculture minister can take part in this House and the new man from Stirling (Mr Michael Forsyth, Under Secretary, Scottish Office) is responsible for education, health, social work and sport, and so on (Conservative cheers). To those who have been added agriculture, forestry and fishing.

Mrs Thatcher: The Scottish Office works extremely well under one of the best Secretaries of State ever. It has an excellent team.

## MPs angry as blank-tape levy falls

In the face of criticism from all sides, the Government won removal from the Copyright, Designs and Patents Bill of a section giving the Secretary of State the power to set up a levy scheme for blank recording tapes.

MPs reminded the Government of its election pledge to introduce such a scheme.

The Bill was later given an unopposed third reading.

Moving an amendment at report stage, late on Monday, to delete the section, Mr Francis Maude, Under Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said that the changes made in committee were defective. They gave the Government power to introduce a levy on recording tapes.

Millions of people copied music from radio, thereby infringing copyright. Some thought the answer was a levy on recording tape.

The Government's view had gone one way and the other. Its conclusion was that a levy should not be introduced. It was wrong in principle for private

rights to be enforced by general taxation hitting the guilty and innocent alike.

Mr Richard Page (South West Hertfordshire, C) said that home taping was widespread and affected the record, film and video industry. There were not thousands but millions of instances.

The Government was abandoning the principle of copyright. If home taping was allowed it became impossible to draw the line. Was a tape permitted for the home? For the car? For the children's personal stereo? The only safe principle to adhere to was the principle of copyright.

Mr Anthony Blair, an Opposition spokesman on trade and industry, said that they had a duty to make home taping legal or to give some proper reinforcement to measures against it.

"It is to the considerable discredit of the Government that they have brought forward a proposal, not to amend the law or to repeal it, but to leave it in a clearly unsatisfactory state."

A levy was a solution adopted all over Europe, and the Australian Government had just an-



Mr Wigley: Government guilty of bad faith

nounced that it would introduce one.

They should all take seriously representations on behalf of blind, deaf or other disabled people, but these had become a shroud behind which the Government could hide a political and tactical decision made for quite other reasons. Proper schemes could be devised for those groups.

Fifty million to sixty million

blank tapes were used for illicit home taping every year. Rights of copyright owners were important, and they were being infringed on a large scale.

"We do not see the levy system as perfect, but it is the best available and, if workable exemptions can be found to take account of the needs of those who deserve them, we should be able to do it in a much better position."

Mr Dafydd Wigley (Carmarthen, Pl C) said that the Government was guilty of bad faith. It had fought an election last year on a policy of bringing in changes to blank tapes and had done a U-turn.

"The explanation seems to be that some big battalions, geared, possibly, to Japanese interests and the rest have been lobbying hard and the Government has given in. We should be the way that blind people have been used as part of that lobby."

Mr John Bowis (Battersea, C) said that there was a 100-million blank-tape market every year in this country. If 10 per cent was deducted for tapes used by oral historians and those recording their child's first words, that left 90 million tapes used to record music instead of buying the

original. That was why he believed that the Government's first thoughts had been the right ones.

Mr Malcolm Bruce, SLD spokesman for trade and industry, said that the Government had done a volte face on the blank-tape levy, which had totally embarrassed their own supporters, many of whom had gone out on a limb to support it.

Mr Christopher Butler (Warrington South, C) said that two-and-a-half times as much music was privately copied as was bought in the shops. A tape levy would raise about £6 million to £7 million a year.

Mr James Lester (Bristol, C) said that the Bill would have 294 clauses and a massive loophole on this essential element of intellectual property. Young people would welcome paying 10p to make legal copies of a tape or compact disc.

Mr Maude said that the Government had made a practical judgement that a scheme to exclude the disabled from the levy could not be formulated in such a way as to do justice to the interests of disabled people.

The Government amendment was carried by 134 votes to 37 — Government majority, 97.

## 28-day limit on videos dropped

The following report of debate in the Commons on the Copyright, Designs and Patents Bill appeared in later editions yesterday.

The Government has withdrawn its proposal to make the retention of a home video recording of a television programme for more than 28 days a breach of copyright.

Mr Francis Maude, Under Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said during the report stage of the Bill that his original 28-day proposal had been a liberalization of the law and what he now proposed was a further liberalization.

He said that he had not foreseen the excitement which his earlier proposal would generate. He had received letters from people, especially the elderly, who seemed to foresee the police invading their homes to check the age of their video recordings.

At present, virtually all video recording was a breach of copyright law.

It was widely accepted that the practice of "time shifting" — where a television programme

was recorded and kept until it could be viewed later at a more convenient time — did no harm.

But the build-up of video libraries might well cause some harm, so it was necessary for the copyright law to continue to apply in such cases.

It was largely to reassure those who had been alarmed by the scare stories about the original 28-day proposal that it was now being removed. This was not a U-turn, but a further move in exactly the same direction.

Mr Mark Fisher, Opposition spokesman on the arts, said it was a bit rich for the minister to try to pass this off as a great liberalization. Mr Maude might have convinced himself, but he doubted whether he had convinced many members of the public.

He was delighted that the minister had now come forward with this amendment. The Government had come to its senses. This was a huge improvement and would relieve anxiety, but the law was by no means perfect yet and there would still be problems.

The amendment was agreed.

## Report on Nato costs ready soon

A report into the relative share of burdens carried by the United States and by European members within Nato should be with the Government by the end of the year, Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence, told MPs at question time.

He said that the report was the result of a Nato initiative.

Mr Robert Clay (Sunderland North, Lab) had asked why he was being so weak-willed about US demands that European members should pay a higher proportion of Nato's costs.

Britain paid a disproportionately high amount. Since most of Nato's policy was made in the interest of the US, why did he not suggest that the Americans paid more?

Mr Younger: The US does pay more of the costs. It pays more than any other member.

## Labour group move will anger left

## Call for European currency

By Philip Webster  
Chief Political Correspondent

A Labour Party group called yesterday for the adoption by the European Community of a single currency as an extension of proposals to achieve an internal market by 1992.

The proposal, which will infuriate the far left, still angry over Labour's decision to drop opposition to membership of the EEC, comes from the right-wing Labour Movement in Europe, chaired by the Labour environment spokesman, Mr Denis Howell.

A policy paper being submitted to Labour's national executive for consideration in the party's manifesto for the 1989 European elections calls for a strong commitment to the European Monetary System.

But it says that that will be insufficient unless there is a common Community currency.



Mr Howell: Europe determined on unity

Without it, businessmen would be hampered by the costs of simply converting currencies from one to another and of paying residual exchange rate risks.

"Governments will have to maintain separate reserves to defend their national currencies against each other as well as separately towards the outside. A single market without a single currency is an illusion."

Mr Howell said yesterday that Europe was determined to move ahead with increasing political and economic unity.

"Labour is beginning a new era of realism. We have to go much further in establishing a new co-operation with our political allies."

"Socialists firmly support the development of the European Community. They will take a positive and powerful role in shaping its future. Internationalism has always been an important strand of socialist thought and Europe provides the opportunity to develop that strand in terms of today and tomorrow."

## Dounreay job loss worry

The job loss implications of the phased closure of the Dounreay fast-breeder reactor in Caithness were worrying for the north of Scotland and they would not be satisfied with a nuclear dump instead, Mr James Wallace (Orkney and Shetland, SLD) said. He told the Prime Minister that a dump might dissuade many employment opportunities.

Mrs Thatcher: I hope that he appreciates the strenuous efforts we have made to phase out the job losses over a long period.

## Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Scotland. Debate on changes in immigration rules. Motion on Building Societies (Transfer of Business) Regulations. Finance (No 2) Bill, second reading and remaining stages.

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## SPECTRUM

# Danger . . . signposts at work

The most confusing way to travel between two points on the British roads can be to follow the route indicated by the signposts,

Alan Franks reports. To test the theory, *The Times* sent a team of reporters on to the highways

**I**n Britain the worst signposted country in the world? The fury of motorists who pursue a destination which is shown at one crossroads, only to disappear at the next, would suggest that it is.

Last year, in a classic piece of understatement, a Department of Transport review of signposts concluded that "much can be done to improve signing". More tellingly, a survey being carried out for the Government by the independent MVA Consultancy estimates that, for a one-off expenditure on new signs, huge savings could be made annually by reducing the accidents and road maintenance costs which result from drivers plying backwards and forwards in search of their turning. The Ministry of Transport estimates that the cost to society of a fatal road accident is about £300,000. This figure — used as basis for deciding on road building and improvement — is calculated on the cost to the Health Service of treatment, the cost of emergency services, damage to property and the loss of a worker.

From his researches so far in Greater London, the consultancy has shown that most motorists, when faced with an unfamiliar route, will first consult a map but then depend on signposts which, the survey claims, are "inadequate

and incomplete". In and around the capital some 5,000 signs on 214 miles of major road have been deemed faulty, with omissions and inconsistencies abounding.

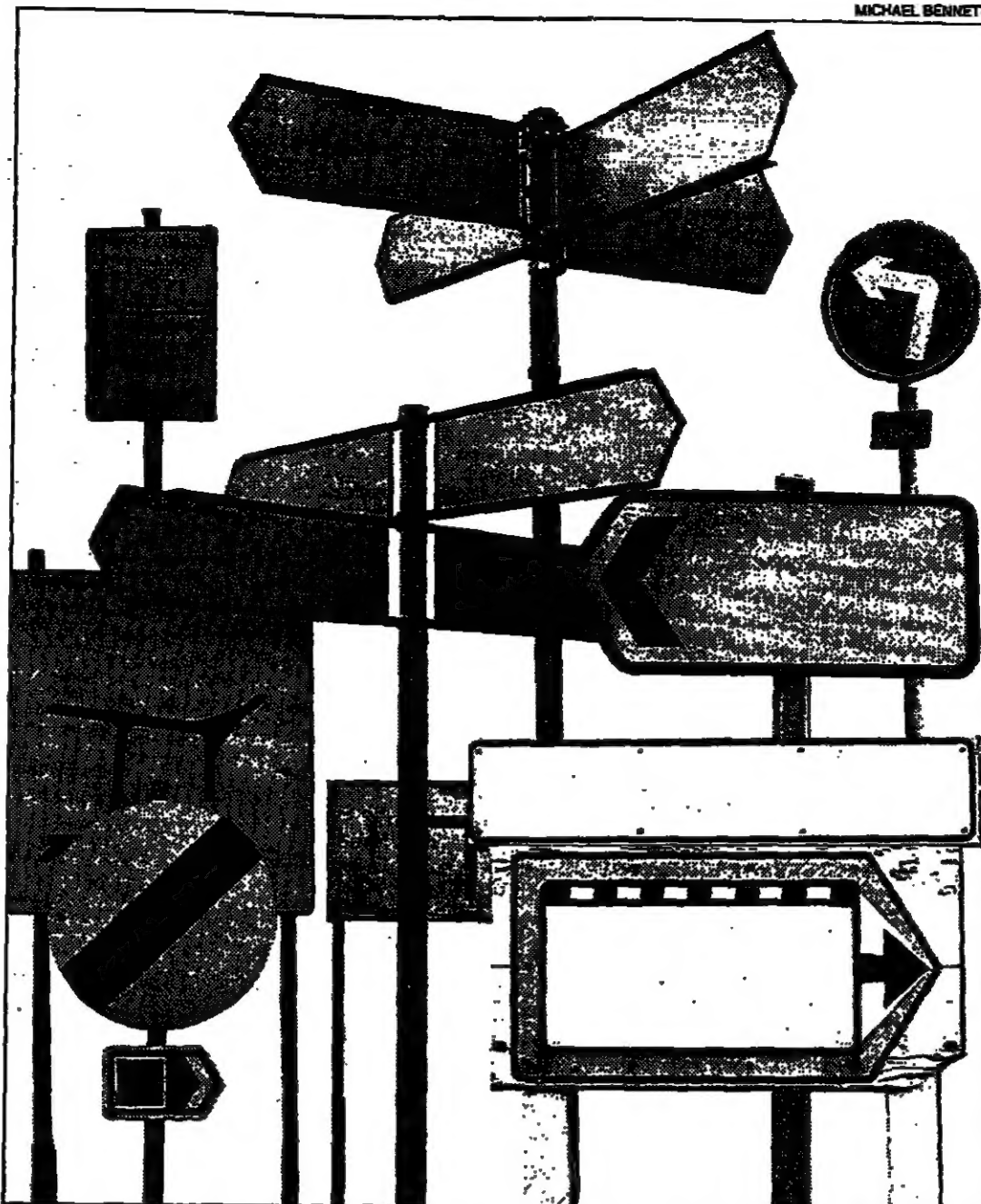
Yet the survey is hardly more gratified by the way in which the human factor contributes to the confusion. An unreleased draft condemns some drivers as "close to the caricature of a person with no sense of direction, appreciation of compass points, numeracy or geographical knowledge".

The Department of Transport is considering a number of solutions, including the removal from signposts of some destinations which are heavily signalled only because they are on old stage-coaching routes.

The consultancy is not expected to publish its full findings before the end of the year, but one recommendation which it seems certain to make is for all crossroads shared by major highways to have a sign naming the junction.

One of the department's moves has been to set up a demonstration project in the Guildford area of Surrey, to make signposts simpler and to clear up the clutter of too many signs. The results of this are expected next year.

While we wait, *Times* reporters across the country were asked to take to their cars to put the present system to the test.



MICHAEL BENNETT

## MANCHESTER AND CHESHIRE

**G**erald Rossier's commentary on his attempt to penetrate the motorway network of the north-west was crisp. Landing at Manchester Airport, his destination Glasgow, he rented a car. "I got lost immediately," he says.

Rossier's difficulty was that amid a welter of signs confronting the motorist as he attempts to leave the airport, the only destinations cited for the M6 are Preston and Birmingham. Rossier, a businessman from Geneva, knew that Glasgow lies to the north, and that this entailed a trip along the M6. But at which end of the compass are Preston and Birmingham?

Had he been making for the village of Etrop Green he would have been at the airport better served. There, however, a different problem would have arisen — that of knowing when he had arrived.

Therein lies a story of bent signs, broken signs, baffling signs. Worst of all, perhaps, of signs that dump one in the middle of nowhere.

John Ryan, the AA highways and traffic inspector for the north-west, and I, emulated Rossier's journey. Ryan has taken up Rossier's case with the Department of Transport and Environment, suggesting that it would be better if the M6 was signposted "north" and "south" outside the airport.

There are two signs for Etrop Green on the roundabout outside the airport, giving it a strategic importance which it appears not to merit. For where is Etrop Green? We are never to know.

And Ryan's contention that there is a national problem of not telling people when they have arrived is proved time and again on a journey to Manchester. Signs repeatedly proclaim "town centre" but the question is which town?

We make for Hale and Bowdon. On the A538, we come across a white and yellow sign. Turn left for Bowdon, right for the B5165, it urges. This is wrong: the B5165 is now the A5144. More pertinently, however, the sign is twisted and almost entirely covered by foliage. Sign debris becomes a feature of the journey. There is a crossroads further on in which there are four roads but only two directions indicated: the original four fingers have been squashed together. We reach a T-junction. Straight ahead, next to Jefferson's the Butchers and Cowan's the Green-progers, is a no-access road.

**There is a problem of not telling people they have arrived at a destination**

complete with "flying motorcycle" sign. There is not a signpost in sight. This is what experts such as Ryan call a continuity problem.

Perhaps the crowning confusion of the day, however, is the junction of the A56, A57 and A57M near the centre of Manchester, and this is to do not with paucity but plenitude. Here, on a small roundabout, are crammed five exits, 25 direction signposts, and 67 named destinations: a total, with road numbers and distances and including urban clearway and height signs, of 150 pieces of information.

David Nicholson-Lord

## BIRMINGHAM AND THE M6

**T**he sign was big and bold. It revealed that Manchester was 81 miles ahead. A helpful sign, perhaps, for a weary motorist spending north on the M6 motorway. But, what purpose did it serve on the west-bound carriageway of Birmingham's crowded middle ring road?

There are no other signs to Manchester to be found anywhere in the city. The nearest is more than 25 miles away, going north on the M6.

Neil Greig, the Automobile Association's head of highways and traffic for the Midlands, my guide on a drive through the region, said: "It is totally pointless to have a sign like that unless other signs continuously give directions to Manchester, but it is the only one in the city."

Together with Brian Davies, the AA's highways and traffic inspector in the West Midlands, we went in search of other pointless, misleading, faded and fallen road signs.

North on the M6 out of Birmingham, we quickly encounter an example of inadequate signposting that could lead an

unwary driver to trouble. Junction 7, the A34 to Birmingham, North and Walsall, is followed almost immediately, on a left hand bend, and without adequate warning, by Junction 8, leading to the M5. So close are the two junctions together that there are only two, rather than three, 100-yard count-down symbols for the M5.

Another typical example occurs when we come off the M6 at junction 11 and try to find our way to Cannock on the A460. Cannock is signposted three times on the roundabout above the motorway, but there is no final indication which of four roads we should take. Clearly a vital sign that should indicate the A460 is missing and after circling the roundabout twice, we find it, collapsed and hidden in long grass.

In Birmingham itself, where signposting is generally regarded as good, we find numerous bad examples. A major destination sign for Walsall on the middle ring road, for example, is so weather-beaten that the white lettering is missing.

Craig Seton

## GLASGOW TO AYR

**A** quick run from Glasgow to Butlins at Ayr via Kilmarnock and Dregthorn might seem a simple enough exercise so it is, if you know the way. Otherwise you might spend much of the morning trying to leave Glasgow.

Taking the M8 motorway south-west over Glasgow's Kingston Bridge, signs for Kilmarnock are displayed on large gantries over the road.

So far so good, but once on to Dumbreck Road most motorists would carry on at the next major crossroads with St Andrews Drive and into Titwood Road. There is a signpost telling the driver to turn left — unfortunately it is on the far right-hand side of the crossroads.

Our motorist, probably having started the journey again, eventually reaches Neither Auldhouse Road. Once again there is no sign on the left-hand side of the road indicating that Kilmarnock is a right turn at the next crossroads. The sign is again on the far right-hand side. The driver, unable to swing into the right-hand lane because of traffic, will be forced to carry on down Merrylee Road into the suburbs of Clarkston.

RAC patrolman Colin Macdonald and I eventually find the A77 to Kilmarnock, and once there I head for the town centre's one-way system. There are no signs to Dregthorn, barely three miles west. After being told that Dregthorn is off the A77 road for Irvine, I look for signs to Irvine. Driving up John Finnie Street I can see a sign indicating a right turn to Ayr.

**There are signs for the Ayr racecourse but not for Butlins**

Assuming, wrongly, that it may take me to Irvine (they are both west of Kilmarnock) I turn right. I find myself driving beside a canal.

I head back to the one-way system, and circle the town centre twice. I notice a sign for Irvine towards the west. It appears there are two signs for Irvine in Portland Road, one straight on, another to the left. Turning left takes the driver to a roundabout which clearly indicates Irvine.

Kerry Gill

## CHELTENHAM AND THE A46

**A**ccording to legend, Cheltenham has a high proportion of elderly people because, having arrived there in their youth, they could not find the way out again.

Sources at the Automobile Association say it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a motorist to drive unerringly through this charming Cotswold town using the road signs.

Bob Hardy, head of highways and traffic at the AA, says: "A piece of string would help to get around the place. The impression I had was that while all the signs may be there, they are not in the right place or at the intervals I would expect."

It is perfectly normal, for example, for a motorist trying to get to Evesham to find himself trapped on a housing estate or heading for the entrance to a multi-storey car park.

Richard Gunston, the AA's highways and traffic inspector for the West, drove me round to prove the point. We found that all the major local routes, the A40, the A435, the A46 and the A4019, converge in Cheltenham, round

which there is no ring road. Most of the traffic does not want central Cheltenham, so it is diverted round the inner relief road, which is only two miles in circumference.

Past the sign welcoming us to the Garden Town of England, The A46 from Stroud to Stratford-upon-Avon. Turning right, as directed, just after the Ladies' College, we follow the rule of thumb, which is to carry on as before until told to deviate. And that is when we run out of the A46. To have kept up with it we should have made a right turn, but there is no direction to tell us so.

Tevkesbury via the inner relief road and keeping, as directed, in the right-hand lane. Behind a fleet of shoppers' cars, we emerge from the Regent Arcade car park in the town centre. Just round the next corner, faced with a sign giving us only 25 yards warning, we find we should have diverted to the left-hand lane. An impossible mission — so round the relief road we go again. The clearest sign we pass is to the front door of the Elite Kitchen Centre.

Michael Horsnell

## SCIENCE REPORT

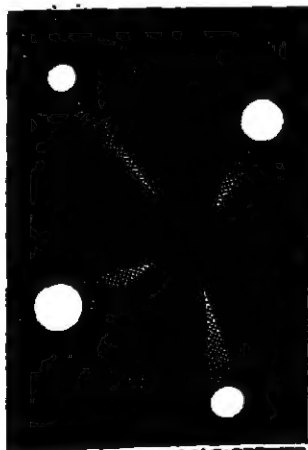
## Time to compromise on the universe?

A proposal that two camps of cosmologists might settle their differences by roughly splitting the difference between their rival estimates of the speed of expansion of the universe has been put forward by R. Brent Tully, an astronomer at the University of Hawaii.

The essence of Tully's argument is that, in some methods of estimating the expansion speed, and thus the age of the universe, too little account has been taken of how our galaxy may be affected by the gravitational pull of the other relatively near galaxies making up what is called the Coma-Scorpius cloud. This is a local collection of galaxies that makes the region exceptionally dense compared with the universe as a whole, and which is itself influenced by the even larger Virgo cluster of galaxies.

The issue is important for understanding the history and likely future of the universe. Present controversies stem from the early 1970s, and from the persuasive arguments then put forward by the Californian astronomer Alan Sandage, that previous estimates of the expansion speed were roughly twice as great as they should be. Since 1975, when Sandage (with his colleague G.A. Tammann) formalized this proposal, there has been a fluctuating balance of advantage between the adherents of the old and new estimates of expansion speed.

Technically, the controversy is embodied in conflicting estimates of what is called the Hubble constant, after the



DICK LEADBETTER

controversial American astronomer credited with first having measured the expansion speed. Because the expansion of the universe with the passage of time may be likened to the stretching of an elastic object uniformly in all directions simultaneously, more distant separated points appear to be carried more quickly away from each other.

Hubble's constant is thus a measure of how the apparent speed of recession of a distant galaxy increases with the distance of the object. The Sandage estimate implies that the average speed of galaxy recession increases by about 50 kilometres a second for every extra megaparsec (about 3 million light-years) of distance. The earlier estimate is that the value of the constant is closer to 100. The different estimates yield different estimates of the age of the universe: according to Sandage, about 20,000 million years; the conventional view is

roughly 10,000 million years. Writing in the current issue of *Nature*, Tully says that the origin of the difference lies in a "perversity of nature" which he describes as "the local velocity anomaly". Itself a consequence of excess mass in the Coma-Scorpius cloud.

The estimation of Hubble's constant is equivalent to the notoriously difficult problem of constructing distance scales in the universe. The recession speed of a distant galaxy may be measured accurately from the shifting of its spectral lines towards the red end of the spectrum, but estimating distance depends on comparison of its output of radiation with that from a closer galaxy of the same kind.

One pitfall is that, among more distant galaxies, only the brightest and thus possibly exceptional galaxies will be detectable. Careful cosmologists correct for this bias. Tully argues that Sandage and his associates over-corrected, not realizing that many of the galaxies used in their study were members of the Coma-Scorpius cloud, whose velocities are reduced by their mutual attraction. Tully himself gives a value of 80 to 85 kilometres a second per megaparsec for Hubble's constant.

Whether his argument will resolve the issue is unclear; old scores are not quickly settled. But the launching of the Hubble space telescope, now at last planned for next year, should go a long way to settle the controversy.

John Maddox

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## Are there any losers in the business of the America's Cup?



De Savary: in it to win it

## Their Cup runs over



Berry: "a business venture"

**A** young man who has to ask what the America's Cup costs should not go near it — except as a spectator. Endless blood and treasure has been expended over 137 years pursuing yachting's Holy Grail. Open-ended funding of the Kookaburra defence of the 1987 Cup in Australia cost the Perth businessman Kevin Parry control of his vast business interests — ranging from mining to supermarkets — and much of his personal fortune. To add insult to injury, his team lost the Cup back to California.

Nevertheless, the 3.5 million carefully controlled pounds that the Blue Arrow challenge has invested in building the radical yacht unveiled last week might appear a major gamble even by the standards of this competition. If the recalcitrant New Zealanders refuse to race against Britain, is the boat a hideously expensive white elephant?

Almost certainly not. The Blue Arrow challenge was conceived in mid-1987 to win back the America's Cup for Britain. The next Defence was not expected until 1991, so the Blue Arrow team planned for a minimum four-year programme and an initial budget of £10 million.

Ninety per cent of this comes from the £2.3 billion

Blue Arrow employment agency group, now the biggest in the world, and 10 per cent from Peter de Savary, operational head of the team. "It's a purely business venture for us," says Tony Berry, 47, founder and chairman of Blue Arrow. "All companies spend money on promoting themselves to the public and our research showed that the America's Cup was the best arena we could possibly be in."

The boat might be revolutionary, with its foil-assisted stability and aircraft-style controls, but it probably has not been ludicrously expensive to construct. Its innovations are conceptual, not mechanical.

So perhaps 10 per cent of the £3.5 million has been spent on the boat. The other cash would have been expended anyway during the first year on recruiting key personnel — and there are now close to 80 staff, ranging from hydrodynamicists to sailors, on the Challenge payroll — and establishing the Falmouth base, a London headquarters and a South Coast design centre.

When an America's Cup syndicate is well-conceived and professionally-organized it becomes a wonderful game of life where all the players achieve their own ends.

Designers get to draw boats more imaginative than any they would dare propose to a commercial client and sailors have the chance to race at the highest level and be paid for it. Characters like Peter de Savary, Michael Fay and Alan Bond are able to exercise skills and plays that, in an earlier generation, they could have used on the battlefield. And companies such as Blue Arrow, fast-growing and highly profitable but little-known, have their name bandied around the world's breakfast tables.

The crucial mistake many observers make is to believe that you have to win the America's Cup to reap any benefits. On the contrary, merely to be a player creates benefits that are scarcely open through other avenues. It may turn out that Blue Arrow cannot race the boat in this event. A setback, but there will be another, genuinely international Cup, in 1991.

"What you have to understand is that we are in this until we win it back and defend it at Falmouth," says de Savary, whose newly acquired docks in the town are already beginning to boom. "Whatever year, whatever boats, Blue Arrow are in this until the Cup comes back to Britain."

Keith Wheatley

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# TIMES DIARY

MARTIN FLETCHER

As Church leaders continue their deliberations at the Lambeth Conference, they should keep a watchful eye on an obscure committee of peers and MPs which is quietly preparing the ground for another big Church-State confrontation. The Ecclesiastical Committee, which in the past did little more than rubber stamp General Synod decisions, is for the first time in memory threatening to reject one.

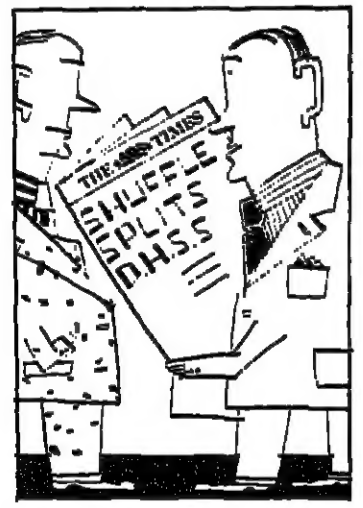
The Synod wants to end the absolute ban on the ordination of divorcees who have remarried while their former spouses are still alive. The committee, which contains such traditionalists as Tory MPs as John Gummer and Patrick Cormack, sees this as a further example of the Church backsliding on such fundamental principles as the indissolubility of marriage to suit the climate of the time. The Synod points out that existing clergy members who divorce and remarry can continue in their jobs and argues that its proposal is a mere tidying-up measure; the MPs counter that their postbags are bursting with protests and that it is an issue of great importance.

Without the committee's endorsement, the Commons would almost certainly vote down the Synod's proposal and create the sort of constitutional mayhem in the process, and a delicate game of brinkmanship is now under way. Lord Bridge, the committee chairman and former head of the Security Commission, has written a draft report rejecting the proposal. The Synod has now asked for an unprecedented "conference" at which its likely representatives will be the Archbishops of Canterbury and York. The committee has agreed, but with the potentially explosive draft report still hanging ominously over their heads.

I have been sent a proof copy of Sir Geoffrey Howe's semi-official biography, *A Quiet Revolution*, which I mentioned last week. Sadly it is not political dynamite, its principal purpose being apparently to boost his leadership hopes. "He would like to become Prime Minister. If he does get the chance, his style would be very different from that of Mrs Thatcher and he would certainly try to reconcile sources of conflict within and without the Party," says the concluding paragraph.

But I was struck by this observation on the Foreign Secretary's time as a young officer cadet: "Geoffrey also developed a reputation in boxing, not for prowess or agility... but for sheer courage and guts as he rose repeatedly to his feet for more battering punishment." For "boxing" should we perhaps read "politics"?

BARRY FANTONI



"Another case of Moore meaning less"

The launch of Labour's new think tank, the Institute for Policy Research, has led to some legal scurrying. An organization with an identical name already exists. It describes itself as an independent educational charity, the recipients of its grants including the Centre for Policy Studies, which is a good deal further to the right on the political spectrum than the newcomer. The right-wing lot have written to the left-wing lot politely asking them to change their name, but Dr John Eatwell, Neil Kinnock's adviser and moving spirit of the Labour IPR, is standing firm. It was adopted, he says, only after a Companies House search and clearance by the Charity Commission. He again checked with the Commissioners yesterday. They told him they would "go and look".

But perhaps the new outfit's links with Labour are not that close either. At yesterday's launch, Baroness Blackstone, the chairman, forgot the name of her fellow trustee, Tom Sawyer, a member of Labour's NEC and deputy general secretary of Nupe, in introducing him. As she stumbled "Tom, er..." he had to remind her from the front row of the audience.

People say that Eric Forth, brought into the Government for the first time in Monday's reshuffle, is another semi-house-trained polecat of the Norman Tebbit variety. He certainly does not mince his words. He recently advised one of his Mid-Worcestershire constituents to move to "a grotty part of town" if he could not afford a house elsewhere. "If Mr Hunter thinks I am not overflowing with the milk of human kindness that's tough. One of the problems with young people is that they have exaggerated expectations. They expect to have a three-bedroom family home straight away," he commented later. Labour MPs have tabled a Commons motion deploring his conduct.

Never underestimate politicians' sense of self-importance. A history will be published this autumn of *The Lords and Commons Cricket Club*, with a foreword by Lord Home of the Hirsal and contributions from various dignitaries. The leather-bound edition will cost a mere £150.

I rang the European Commission last week to find out exactly what Leon Brittan will earn as European Commissioner. I was seeking a simple round figure. I was told: "112.5 per cent more than an A1 Step Six officer who earns 402,600 Belgian francs." I could not work that out, but with the help of *Who's Who* I did work out Brittan's age, which was more than Downing Street managed. The Prime Minister's press release announcing his appointment said he was 49. But, as a peeved Mr Brittan confirms, he is only 48.

Kenneth Clarke, put in charge yesterday of the new Ministry of Health, could have more influence on the outcome of the next election than any other minister.

Whatever reforms of the Health Service the government introduces there will be terrible cries from the vested interests and the Labour Party. Cries that might be heeded by the electorate if determined efforts are not made to counteract them.

In a recent poll conducted by MORI for the Committee for a Free Britain, nearly two thirds (64 per cent) thought that the Health Service was doing a good job. But only one third (34 per cent) thought that it would be doing so in five years time.

This is where Clarke comes in. Since most of the work on the reforms has already been done, his role is, above all, to explain them to the electorate.

Those who favour radical reform should not lose sight of the qualities that the Health Service possesses. Despite glaring individual instances of inefficiency, it is not inefficient when compared to other systems in other countries. In the teaching hospitals the Health Service has centres of excellence that are truly excellent. The iller a patient the more resources are devoted to healing him — a surprisingly libertarian principle for a large

socialist-inspired bureaucracy. Those opposing reform — except the spending of more public money — must accept that the Health Service as presently organized will never be good enough for Thatcher's Britain. Waiting lists are far too long and demonstrate that the state cannot provide timely health care for all free at the point of consumption.

As reported in *The Times* recently, the mortality rate of patients in some hospitals is seven times higher than in others. Because managers do not operate in a free market — an efficient conveyor of information as well as an efficient allocator of resources — they have little idea what patients want and so have to decide what patients should get. Too many consultants do not fulfil their contractual obligations. Hospital staff are often unfriendly; sometimes with good reason, too often, not.

It is no surprise that the MORI poll found that 45 per cent said

they would take out private health insurance if they could afford it.

Broadly there are two sensible ways that a modern state can make sure that the needy get proper health care. By a system of health vouchers and by a system of compulsory insurance. In both cases the private sector provides the services; the state pays for the needy, the un-needy pay for themselves.

But to leap from where we are today to either of these systems in one bound would entail enormous dislocation. The Government, instead, should aim for a system whereby the state pays only for those who cannot afford to pay for themselves. And it should be a matter of public indifference whether services are produced by the public or the private sector.

This means a readiness to privatize parts of the NHS, including some hospitals. It also means a substantial expansion of private health insurance. But it cannot expand without encounter.

The best approach is to give tax credits to those who are prepared to insure and, as a *quid pro quo*, to oblige them to contract out of the NHS for those illnesses for which they are insured.

The NHS will have to continue to provide for all accidents, most emergencies, chronic illnesses and much mental illness, i.e. uninsurable illness, and it will have to continue to look after patients who have been failed by the private sector.

The Government will have to demonstrate that a reformed Health Service will perform better in order to secure public acceptance of a substantial expansion of the private sector at what will appear to be at the taxpayers' expense — although it may well be to the taxpayers' gain. Such a demonstration will also be needed to meet the argument that it is creating a two-tier system in which the needy will get worse treatment than the un-needy.

This will require reform of the

entire administrative apparatus. To have created a new Department of Health is a welcome step. But the government will also have to create new, streamlined, health authorities, probably combining the functions of the present regional and district authorities as well as of the family practitioner committees.

More important, the Government will have to find a way to cut and eventually eliminate waiting lists. This can be done only with the help of the private sector. The Government will probably have to impose some form of legal obligation on its reformed health authorities. Then, if they cannot treat patients in their own hospitals, they will have to send them to private hospitals and pay the charges.

The Treasury is thought to be opposed to such reforms on the grounds that it cannot estimate what effect they will have on public spending. Superficially, a centrally funded Health Service has attractions for control of

public spending. But public pressure has more often been master of the public purse where health spending is concerned. No other department has managed an increase after inflation of 27 per cent since 1979.

In fact, if the state is no longer ready to treat those who can afford to pay for their own health care and the Health Service uses an expanding private sector to provide treatments where they are cheaper, the consequences for public spending are likely to be positive.

The electorate sees the Prime Minister as a successful reformer. She has undertaken a radical reform of the economy and everyone can see the results. They expect similar results with reform of the Health Service.

In health matters, as with the economy, Mrs Thatcher should stick to her instincts. They will tell her that in the same way that it is not for the Government to decide how much each individual should spend on his food, his clothing and his shelter, it should not decide how much he spends on his health care.

Put like that, by the not very radical but exceptionally articulate Kenneth Clarke, there is every chance that the electorate would accept the reforms that are necessary.

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David Hart puts forward an agenda for Kenneth Clarke

## Health: let the wealthy pay

Ian McIntyre

## Charm of the light brigade

Celebrating his victory in a general election some years ago, a Tory knight of the shires, fresh from hammering his earnest young opponent into the ground, said in the kindly way that knights of the shire have: "He's a nice boy, Terence. I do hope he passes all his exams."

That seems to be to be roughly what the British electorate has been saying about the Liberal Party for the past 30 years. It has been led by three men who were all in their day top of the political pops — in two cases deservedly so. Yet the verdict of the ballot box has always been the same. The voter, in his muddled way, has persisted in thinking that the party was still in short trousers.

Lenin didn't think much of liberals either. "When a liberal is abused, he says: thank God they didn't beat me. When he is beaten, he thanks God they didn't kill him. When he is killed, he will thank God that his immortal soul has been delivered from its mortal clay." Now we know where Mrs Thatcher got her ideas about wetness. I almost begin to think old Vladimir Ilyich should be given posthumous credit for a sense of humour — particularly as that comes from an article about the tasks of the Social Democrats.

I know, of course, that technically the Liberal Party has been delivered from its mortal clay and that the contest which currently has the pulse of the nation racing concerns a different animal. I remain unconvinced. The outfit that Messrs. Beith and Ashdown entertain the mysterious ambition of leading may have a longer name, but to me it looks remarkably like the old Liberal Party we know and love with knobs on.

There was a time in the late 1950s when Jo Grimond gave a passable imitation of someone who was going to pull it off. He looked good, sounded even better and there was a keen, if rather gentle, mind there. He seemed to think it vulgar to appear too professional, which made some say he was lazy, others that he

was too nice. He is certainly the only party leader to decline an invitation to broadcast on the ground that he was taking his aunt to the theatre.

In the late Macmillan era he made some good, rousing speeches. One of them was all about the red meat of politics and leading his troops towards the sound of gunfire. Tory Central Office then retained some rather sharp advertising men, and within days they had taken full pages in the quality papers. The words were printed big and bold: "I Will Lead My Troops Towards the Sound of Gunfire!" Underneath, several rows of painted wooden soldiers and a toy cannon. And at the bottom of the page, in a more modest typeface, the lazy throw-away — "Meanwhile, the Tories have signed the Test Ban Treaty..."

Then it was Jeremy Thorpe's turn — not such a good mind, better impersonations, all the fun of the fair. There was a by-election in the west of Scotland in what was, by common consent, unpromising territory for the Liberals. The Scottish party didn't want to stand, but London overruled it and a candidate was mustered. Jeremy, not long in the saddle, went north to canvass. He took a stroll down the High Street and tipped his hat to a passing workman. "Morning, squire," he said cheerfully.

The workman stopped and had a look at him. You didn't see many brown bowlers in Rutherglen in those days. Double-breasted waistcoats and heavy watch chains were all that common either. "I'm Jeremy Thorpe," said our hero brightly. "The new leader of the Liberal Party." The elector weighed this information for a moment. "That's your bloody problem," he said.

Eventually, alas, the entertainment that Jeremy had to offer got a bit out of hand. The baton passed to David Steel, who appeared to be all boyish charm, and once again the bubble of expectation grew cruelly large. Surely he could do



it if anyone could. The soggy left and the solid centre would kiss and make up and the old ladies would lay aside their knitting and lie down with the Young Liberals. That tired old joke about one taxi-cab would go to the knacker's yard, and at the next general election (well, the next but two, perhaps) the new intake of Liberal MPs would drive up Whitehall in a great fleet of charabancs...

Ah, well. Now a new choice faces the faithful. If the Labour Party is a broad church, the Liberal Party has always been an ecumenical parish. It's good of it to have taken in the congregation from down the road while getting the roof back on its own church. The Liberals are even giving them a vote, I understand. So who is going to

be the new chairman of the parochial church council? Neither candidate is unduly weighed down with intellectual baggage. Neither is thought to beat his wife or covet another's — a morally blameless pair, though his enemies have been putting it about that Mr Beith squeezes his toothpaste tube in the middle.

Some of Mr Ashdown's more enthusiastic followers obviously regard him as a cross between the Duke of Wellington and Richard Hannay — the sort of chap who could bound up the Thirty-Nine Steps two at a time and still breathe quietly at the top. The opposite camp sees it rather differently, depicting him as a sort of reconstituted Mad Mitch of the Argyls with a couple of A levels thrown in. He would certainly lead from the

front, though his followers might not always be there when he looked round. He sounds a bit like the cavalry subaltern of whom his colonel once wrote economically: "The men will follow this officer anywhere, if only out of curiosity."

Mr Beith would not arouse great curiosity, either in the party or outside. In fact he would be the duller leader since Clement Davies. His campaign style suggests he has been mesmerized by the commercial for The Listening Bank, and too much accommodation in a leader can end in tears. His appearance is deceptive, however. He can be very tough and pucky and works with great determination for those who give him their support. When he was on the BBC's general advisory council he

made a nuisance of himself by the quiet brazen way he used his position to advance the interests of his constituents — Alnwick must have the best radio and TV reception in the country.

A quiz: "I can't see that there's so much in him," said one young member of Parliament to Sir Cosmo. "I rather think there is, all the same," said the baronet. "I dare say he's not very bright, but I don't know that we want brightness. We've had enough of that already. Give me sound common sense, with just enough of the gab in the man to enable him to say what he's got to say! We don't want more than that nowadays."

A passage from a new romance about the Tory Party, co-authored by Jeffrey Archer and Barbara Cartland? Not quite. Sir Cosmo is talking about Plattaganter Palliser, and he was a Whig. I don't know how bookish an electorate we're talking about, but it looks like a choice between John Buchan and Trollope.

There was a time when Liberals could expect all the advice they needed from within their own ranks. "There are men who sit still with the fly-blown phylacteries of obsolete policies bound round their foreheads, who do not remember that while they have been numbing their imaginations to themselves, the world has been marching and revolving, and that if they have any hope of leading it or guiding it they must march and move with it too."

I don't know that Lord Rosebery would see too many marchers and movers in what is left of his party today. The fact is, of course, that the non-Labour left has been rather careless, and has temporarily mislaid its real leader. The one man from that part of the political spectrum who knows with medical precision where the jurglar is does not have his name on the ballot paper — is indeed at the moment the leader of a different party. He will watch this week's proceedings with his foxy smile and bide his time.

Commentary • WOODROW WYATT

## Ethnics we must help

The dismemberment of the old Austro-Hungarian Empire carried with it dismemberment of the old Kingdom of Hungary. Two thirds of its territory disappeared. Some went to Yugoslavia, some to Czechoslovakia, and after the Second World War a piece went to Russia. The largest chunk, Transylvania, became Romanian. This is the wound that goes deepest to the Hungarian heart.

It was part of the original kingdom of St Stephen, first king of Hungary in 997. Transylvania was then controlled by Magyar chiefs. During the 140-year occupation of most of Hungary by the Turks, Transylvania held out and kept alive the spirit and entity of the Hungarian nation. But the Romanians were always in a majority. The Hungarian census of 1910 recorded 1,472,031 persons of Romanian origin, 918,217 of Magyar and 234,085 of German (Saxon). Not surprisingly the Romanians objected to Hungarian rule and were delighted by the Treaty of Trianon which ended it.

Between the wars, Transylvania's Hungarian minority grew in numbers until today it is somewhere around two million out of a total of seven million, though the precise figure is hard to arrive at because of Romanian juggling with the figures. When you consider that the population of the Irish Republic is less than 3.5 million, and that the population of what remains of Hungary itself is just over 10.5 million, the presence of two million Hungarians across the border in Romania naturally looms large in Hungarian minds.

The Hungarian minorities in Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and Russia are treated no worse — grim though life may be — than the other citizens of those countries. Before the Second World War the same was true of Romania, where the Hungarian minority carried on with their own culture, traditions, schooling and other pursuits.

It was the arrival in power of Nicolae Ceausescu in 1967 which changed all that. He has been brutal to his own people but especially brutal to the Hungarians. Their schools have been closed, university education denied them. Father Pancel Tivadar, who has looked after hundreds who have fled Romania to Hungary this year, is quoted as saying: "Police beatings and torture are increasing, they are forbidden from speaking their mother tongue in public, they are not given decent jobs, couples are separated and told to work in different towns."

It must be miserable enough to be a Romanian in Romania. To be a Hungarian in Romania is desolation and deprivation even by communist standards. Now has come President Ceausescu's latest draconian proposal: to demolish some 7,000 Transylvanian villages; their old houses, their cemeteries, their old churches, many of which date from the beginning of Christianity in Transylvania and many of which are beautiful architecturally. The inhabitants are to be herded into multi-storey agro-industrial complexes. They will be detached from what little land they have been allowed to till and forced to

work in collectives. The project is intended to be completed in 12 years.

It might be supposed that it may never happen if it were not for the dictator's activities in the capital, Bucharest. There ancient streets and churches have been erased to make way for modernistic buildings. Charming old houses have been obliterated. So has the old Jewish quarter.

At the start of the operation 40,000 people were ejected, their belongings dumped on the street. Ceausescu, it seems, is trying to make town and country identical.

The herding of the peasant population will apply to Romanians and 400,000 Germans in Transylvania as well as Hungarians, but the villages which are to be bulldozed are inhabited only by Hungarians. The other 6,000 villages in the rest of the country are to be left alone. The aim is to destroy what's left of Hungarian culture and identity and subordinate them to Romanian.

Romania will not now let Hungarians out and it has halted family visits across its borders. Tiny Hungary could not possibly absorb the extra two million Hungarians from Romania even if they were allowed to leave. Hungary protests at the treatment of its nationals. A few weeks ago, nearly 100,000 demonstrators marched silently, carrying lighted candles, to the Romanian embassy in Budapest, which refused to receive a petition.

In the Communist bloc, countries do not quarrel. They can certainly not contemplate going to war with each other. What is

being done to the Hungarians in Romania would excite worldwide protest if it were being done to blacks in South Africa.

So far the world has been very quiet. A few deprecatory remarks have been made at comparatively low level in London. Romania ignores the Helsinki Agreement. It is, however, a party to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted by the UN General Assembly on December 10, 1948. Theoretically this outlawed discrimination "without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or social origin, property, birth or other status." To which no doubt President Ceausescu says "Ha-ha".

Trading and financial contacts between Romania and the West are so slight that there is no leverage there. The only person who could exercise influence is Mr Gorbachev. Moscow has had some difficulty in keeping Romania in line on foreign policy. But if all the members of the Warsaw Pact, led by Russia, were jointly to denounce Romania's apartheid-style behaviour, it is possible that this would have some effect. It would at least show that glasnost is applicable to all parts of the Russian Empire and not merely to the USSR.

Meanwhile the US and Britain should table a resolution at the United Nations. After all, it was we who handed Hungary and the other East European countries over to Stalin after the war, and that should forever be on our conscience.

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### THE AMERICAN RAILWAY STRIKE

(By Anglo-American cables)

Philadelphia, JULY 26 Although the Railway Strike is spread over a wider area, no serious disturbances occur, owing to the effective distribution of troops and strong bodies of special constables in all the large cities. Almost the entire Federal Army and Navy are on duty restraining outbreaks. Admiral Trenchard, with the North Atlantic Squadron, has arrived at Washington, and General Sheridan has been ordered from the Indian country to Chicago. All available troops in the Southern States or at the frontier posts have been moved to the threatened northern cities.

The Tompkins-square Internationalist meeting in New York was a failure. About 10,000 people attended, but order was preserved, and nothing exciting transpired, the crowd dispersing early. The police endeavoured to precipitate the dispersion of the mob, which made some hostile demonstrations, but they were promptly quelled. The newspapers generally declare the Communists to be powerless in New York. A meeting of working men will be held to-night for the purpose of advocating the maintenance of law and order.

At Chicago, yesterday a meeting of citizens organized a patrol of 8,000 special constables to

guard the city, where several minor riots have occurred. A Communist meeting last night was dispersed after a conflict with the police, but the mob afterwards attacked a gun store, and carried off 50 muskets. Another mob assailed and overpowered the police, but reinforcements arrived, and the police finally defeated their aggressors, after killing two and wounding 16. Chicago in consequence was very excited all night.

At Shabomkin, Pennsylvania, last night a meeting of working men was held, at which a delegation of citizens appeared offering work at \$1 per day. Several men who were willing to accept these terms and attend after which the crowd, formed into a procession and attacked the railway station, but was driven off; five being wounded by the special constables.

At San Francisco a body of 7,000 citizens is guarding the city, and two warships with Federal troops and Marines are in waiting. The mob has demolished more Chinese houses, but order is restored, and popular violence is entirely directed against the Chinese...

Chicago is in a disturbed condition. All night long mobs were threatening various localities, and patrols guarded the streets throughout the night, keeping the rioters in check. This morning the mobs reappeared in Twelfth-street, Newburg-avenue, and Halstead-avenue, and the police and citizens endeavoured to disperse them, but the mob was too strong. The police attacked them in Twelfth-street, wounding 15; but they were finally repulsed, several policemen being killed and wounded. This caused great consternation. The mob have also obtained the control of a large portion of Southern Chicago.















## THE ARTS

## TELEVISION

## Linguistic black spot

Were there an award for the abuse of the English language in a television programme, *Viewpoint 88: The Road Ahead* (ITV) would not only win it but set a standard which would endure for decades.

This documentary was the first of a five-year series, which will report on the progress of the M40 extension from Oxford to Birmingham. The journey of a thousand clichés began with a bravura exhibition of mixed metaphor.

The allegation was that our motorway system is a mythical hydra, despatching arrows of tar-macadam to spearhead the mutation to communism, with scant regard for the personal problems of plucky roles in the biological fast lane and the botanical charisma of their environment.

After a while I began to list the clichés employed, but somewhere between the jewel in the crown and the end of the day I ran out of paper. Buried under a mountain of mangled language were at least two fascinating stories.

A farmer, whose family had raised cattle on the water meadows bordering the Cherwell for three generations, had sold a tenth of his land for the new road and rented more of it to Tarmac, the construction company.

While the farmer lacked charisma of any kind — botanical, agricultural, verbal or television — he was a profoundly pathetic figure, as he contemplated devastation beyond his capacity to imagine.

His placid character was in contrast to the hard headed dynamism of the works commander; this man's problem was how to construct a stable highway on land which was virtually swamp.

Among the film's positive attributes was beautiful wildlife photography from Oxford Scientific Films, not always used effectively. In one sequence a mole surfaced from a heap of earth a few yards from a huge bulldozer and ploughed away from the machine in panic.

This sight was not only distractingly funny, but also raised the suspicion that someone had planted the mole in the earth-works. Animal families were relentlessly sentimentalized; there was no relief from the broods of ducklings, nesting swans, litters of shrews and newborn lambs which filled the screen.

The whole was biased towards the most trivial emotional considerations, and disdained the technical achievement which the motorway represented. As an engineering challenge the M40 extension probably deserves a scientific documentary; even as a motorists' nightmare, however, the M40 did not deserve this programme.

It has been pointed out to me that Garry Lyons, author of *Mobius* (ITV, Sunday), has no connection with Garry Lyons, author of *Exclusive Yarns*. My apologies to both.

Celia Brayfield

David Sinclair at the first of seven shows by a phenomenal performer

## Bumper bundle

## ROCK

Prince  
Wembley Arena

miracle of hydraulic engineering. With its many moving platforms and climbing bars, a swing and even a basketball net, it looked like a decadent adult adventure playground.

Although the whole band took a lively part in the constant choreographed bustle, it was obvious that Prince's special playmates were the two Amazonian women, the vocalist Cat and the drummer Sheila E.

The lewd routines which attended "Head" (microphone jiggery pokery), "Dirty Mind" (frolics on a bed), "Lovesexy" (a little strip routine) and others, underlined how much Prince's muse continues to be driven by an overwhelming narcissistic libido.

Some of the montages were astounding to behold. Looking impossibly petite in a variety of flimsy, skin-tight black, white and polka dot outfits, he led the superbly drilled band through sequences it would be hard to imagine any other performer on earth attempting. One such was when he went from the depth-charged super-

funk of "Head", straight into the buoyant and rootsy pop of "When You Were Mine", during which he broke off from singing, grabbed a guitar and nonchalantly tossed off a stinky, neo-Hendrix solo blues sequence.

But, unlike his last shows here in 1986, when he chose to concentrate on the soul/funk section of his portfolio and create a pastiche of a James Brown revue, this performance did not get bogged down by any one of his musical or theatrical preoccupations, and was instead a faithful reflection of his tremendous, multi-faceted abilities.

Again it was difficult to assimilate the changes, when he adopted the persona of a growling, swearing, gun-toting pimp in "Bob George" (from *The Black Album*) immediately before sitting at the piano for the delicate "Anna Stesia", which he rounded off with the message, apparently sincere and oft repeated, that "God is love/Love is God". The recent images of Michael Jackson's show seemed staid and predictable by comparison.

After a final volley of greatest hits — "When Doves Cry", "Purple Rain", "1999" and "Alphabet Street" — he rode off on the roof of his Cadillac with his two athletic beauties at his side. This vulgar, capricious, flamboyant showman had just produced about the best show I can remember seeing at Wembley.



Multi-faceted artist of seemingly limitless talent: Prince at his first Wembley show

## Visiting company at their peak

## DANCE

Kirov Ballet  
Coliseum

The Kirov Ballet came back to a miserably muted reception on Tuesday night, its first London appearance for 18 years. Someone must explain to the dancers that this was not a typical English audience, but the result of the sponsors' ungenerous insistence on reserving almost all the seats for a particularly privileged group of their members. This is the unacceptable face of arts financing at work.

To get all my grumbling over at once, I must mention that whatever the merits of the Wren Orchestra, it is hardly an improvement on the company's own orchestra, which played for them during the recent Paris season, where the dearest seats cost less than half what is being charged in London. Also, that one complete sequence of the *Giselle* production as shown in Paris was omitted this time: the duet and solos for two young villagers.

Now to the good news, and since every performance this week will feature a different couple in the leading roles, then we start with what will be the one constant factor, the *corps de ballet*.

The Kirov women are a marvelous collection, slender, long-



Matched as to looks: Altyнай Assymuratova and Farukh Ruzimatov

legged, supple. They breathe and move as one: not with the drilled precision of automata, but with the unanimity that comes from their exceptionally fine schooling and a proper regard for the music.

Under the direction of Viktor Fedotov, that music is played, especially in Act Two, with more variety and contrast than usual. Much of it is taken slower than we are used to; a little of it faster. The dancers respond sensitively to every variation of pulse.

So, the ghostly figures around Giselle's grave move with gently implacable force, led last night by Tatyana Terekhova as their queen, with Irina Chistyakova and Olga Likhovskaya as the two soloists. The quality of a *corps de ballet* can vary over the years as much as that of a company's principals; the Kirov *corps*, right now, is at a peak.

Oleg Vinogradov's production and Igor Ivanov's designs are rightly on entirely traditional

lines, making all the right points clearly and simply, avoiding almost all the common pitfalls; and leaving scope for the dancers to make their effects through their personal qualities, so that the emphasis can change from one night to another.

Altyнай Assymuratova (who will not be seen again this week) made a quiet, understated but convincing Giselle in the opening cast. She offers no heavy drama, instead a total commitment to the style and context of the dances themselves.

She and Farukh Ruzimatov, her Albrecht, are both dark and exotic in appearance; many people find them well matched in consequence, although to my mind more contrast often brings out the best in performers. Both are compelling personalities.

Ruzimatov does not, by Russian standards, jump especially high; his strength lies in turns of all sorts; in the soft, controlled plasticity of his movement; and above all in a sense of drama. Even when dancing an interpolated show-off solo in some what incongruous style (to music by Minkus or Drigo, I would guess), he suggests a man with burning coals in his breast.

A word, finally, for Dmitry Korneev, a versatile actor who lets goodness and strength of character shine through a down-trodden timidity as Hans, Giselle's neglected true lover.

John Percival

## Sensible reversal

## PROMENADE CONCERT

RLPO/Pešek  
Albert Hall/Radio 3

This was a topsy turvy programme, where the symphony was placed first and less intellectually demanding music came last, and it made good sense. Mind and ears were able to come fresh to Dvorák's densely argued Seventh Symphony, had the interval to recharge themselves for Beethoven's Fourth Piano Concerto, and could simply relax and be beguiled by a hybrid suite, chosen by we know not who, of five movements taken from Prokofiev's ballet *Romeo and Juliet*.

The concert also found the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra in excellent form. The Dvorák, lent the stamp of authority through being directed by the RLPO's Czech principal conductor, Libor Pešek, was cannily paced and balanced, its darker side emerging in the weirdly piercing sound of the flute in this acoustic as much as in the brass chorales or the string scoring.

There was an admirable crispness in the ensemble work, too, vital in the almost demonic scherzo, while the spirit of the Finale, which in its progress through darkness and torment to light is surely one of the great last movements in the symphonic repertoire, could not fail to touch.

Neither could Peter Frankl's reading of the Beethoven. This was a refreshingly positively projected performance, the solo part coloured with a palette which ranged from the most delicate pastels to fiery primaries, the instruments singing as if Frankl was utterly convinced by the series of the concerto's Orphic associations. Pešek also seemed able to encourage his orchestra to play with flexibility, so that, for instance, those perilous dotted rhythm unisons in the slow movement for once did not sound awkward.

If this work's connection with the Proms' words and music theme might have been tenuous, the Prokofiev — which included the themes of Tybalt's death and Romeo at Juliet's tomb, as well as the Dance with Mandolins (spectacularly, four of them) — clinched the issue, and glitteringly.

Stephen Pettitt

## CONCERT

New London  
Consort  
Queen Elizabeth Hall

It is reassuring that Philip Pickett's South Bank Summer Festival of early music, "Pickett's Pageant", is to concentrate on music that really is early. Nothing beyond the beginning of the 17th century will be heard.

Any problems in luring audiences to the more arcane events are countered by self-consciously populist happenings, such as this "Medieval Extravaganza".

The evening was intended to harken the spirit rather than the letter of a Lutes minstreis' gathering, and indeed the extravaganza extended to the New London Consort's large array of voices and instruments bowed, plucked,

blown or struck. *Soldiers in its own day could the 12th and 13th-century repertoire we heard here have been performed on this scale.*

To embellish the occasion, there was *The Company of Dancers*, an on-stage merry-making leading the bolder members of the audience astray. There were also the three members of Fools Paradise, whose John Ballanger performed fantastic juggling and disappearing tricks and silent comedy with impeccable timing.

Your critic was somewhat distracted from his usual task, though not enough to prevent his gently lobbing a brickbat for the insensitivity with which four exquisite polyphonic *rondeaux*, by Adam de la Halle, were cemented together. But the music was generally despatched with a joyous swagger and aptly hearty singing. Catherine Bott and the rather plummy sounding Michael George contributed excellent solo work.

S.P.

## THEATRE

## Voice of life-force

The Conquest of  
the South Pole  
Traverse Theatre

In championing Manfred Karge, Edinburgh's Traverse have done British theatre a considerable favour. He writes about lives diminished and oppressed by the prevailing socio-economic orthodoxy. But, although sardonic and knowing, it is not a voice of despair and misery; it is the voice of a life-force that will not be denied.

Here are the antics of four lads at the bottom of the heap, sustained only by pinball and snuggles. After the attempted suicide of one of their number, the leader gets them to re-enact, in an attic and with a few stolen bits of mountaineering equipment, Amundsen's journey to the South Pole. Not Shackleton's or Scott's trip, but Amundsen's. Why should they not taste triumph for once?

One scene consists of the characters' counting out loud the number of steps (1,794) in the final approach to the Pole. As they start out, in single file, snaking this way and that across the stage, you realize that they are going to count out every single one.

The excitement mounts with the counting so that by the end, with them all standing on the lunch table, there is a spontaneous burst of applause from the audience. It's a thrilling moment of bravado and cheek, from Karge and director Stephen Urwin (who seems to be in some sort of cosmic touch with Karge; so right do his productions appear, of texts which give no stage directions of any kind), and an excellent cast, led by Alan Cumming and Alastair Galbraith.

Full marks also to Carol Ann Crawford as the wife of one of the lads and to the translators, Tinch Minter and Anthony Vivis.

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## WEDNESDAY PAGE

## Of Royals and royalties

Is Michael Bloch  
a bounder or  
a biographer?  
Catherine Bennett  
seeks an answer

At the time of the abdication of Edward VIII, Michael Bloch had yet to be born. He entered the world in 1954, just before the last letters collected in *The Secret File of the Duke of Windsor*, his fourth book on Edward and Mrs Simpson, were written. His only meeting with the couple finally came in the late Seventies, when Bloch was allowed to peer at the Duchess as she lay in bed, looking, he recalls, very agitated. The Duchess's hair was perfectly in order, he noticed, but she was helpless and unaware of her surroundings; in no condition to be introduced to the recently appointed chronicler of her love affair and marriage.

None the less, Bloch's shadowy, heavily furnished flat in London suggests a great intimacy with the Windsors. A photograph of Wallis, a dog in her arms, stands on one of his mahogany bookcases. There are more pictures of the couple overlooking Bloch's monumental four-poster bed, and, dominating the lot, a large oil painting of Maitre Suzanne Blum, the Windsors' lawyer. It was Maitre Blum who, at the age of 80, first decided that Michael Bloch, aged 24, should be allowed to turn the Windsor papers, of which she was custodian, into a book that would vindicate the couple.

Now members of the Windsors' staff — their former valet, maid and chauffeur — are claiming that the letters which form the guts of Bloch's fourth book on the couple should have been destroyed; that this had been the intention of both the Duke and Duchess. The maid, Maria Costa, has even claimed that private papers were removed from the Duchess's safe while the Duchess was in a helpless condition. Backed by such assertions, Mohammed Al-Fayed, who was assigned the Windsor's house by the City of Paris after the Duchess's death, says he intends to challenge the authority of Bloch and Maitre Blum to publish the letters.

"These allegations are grotesque," said Bloch, a tall young man, who yesterday had a hesitant, injured manner and an look of alarm on his large, pale face. "It simply isn't the case either that Maitre Blum was not instructed by the Duchess to publish this story with the aid of the documents, or that she ever took anything she wasn't supposed to." Bloch says he saw a letter, signed by the Duchess in 1975, which authorized Blum, or anybody authorized by her, to publish the papers made available in order to defend the memory of the Windsors and to reply to their critics. Where is it? "It's for Maitre Blum to reveal that document," Bloch said.

Well, who actually owns the letters? "It's none of your business," he said, later conceding that although the letters were "effectively"



Chronicler of a love affair and a marriage: Michael Bloch has published his fourth book on the Duke and Duchess of Windsor

in Maitre Blum's ownership, the "residual legacies" of the papers was the Pasteur Institute. "They are very happy this book has been published because they get a large share of the royalties." Would it not be a splendid thing, Bloch mused, if a cure for AIDS were to be the final result of this book?

The motives of Al-Fayed are, in Bloch's opinion, a far less noble thing. He became very dark on this subject, frequently requesting that the tape recorder be switched off.

**'Seedy worn-out hags? I thought it an extremely good phrase, very memorable'**

lest his observations fall into the wrong hands.

"He's like a magpie," he said, "but I may add that he's a very litigious magpie... he's a man who has come from nowhere who has tried unsuccessfully to make people believe he is of aristocratic origins, and his policy is to try to wrap himself in the Union Jack and portray himself as a man who has come to be, in a curious way, the inheritor of a great story and a great tradition, and to portray himself as a philanthropist and benefactor who is beautifying Harrods and restoring

history and heritage." Bloch giggled.

He feels that his part in the publication of the Windsor letters, in which the couple reveal their unimpaired nicknames for others, display their obsession with the exalted status of post-abdication royalty, while about their lack of money and bitch about the "smug, stinking lot" of relations who refused to invite them both to tea, raises no moral questions whatever. Even if the letters were never intended for publication — and their frequently banal content and vulgarity hardly suggest that they were — Bloch considers this no reason not to publish. "Whenever one reads personal letters, if one is a person of sensitivity, one has a certain thrill of eavesdropping... anybody who writes a biography and is given access to private papers has this feeling; but if it were to constrain one, biographies would never be written at all."

In any case, Bloch considers the Windsor exchanges "beautiful letters, very touching love letters", which stray into literary achievements when the Duke describes his relatives as "a seedy worn out bunch of old hags".

"I thought it was an extremely good phrase," he said, lighting a small cigar. "Very memorable and full of verve, with well chosen adjectives. It shows the Duke had a literary sense."

In a letter to *The Times* earlier this month, an acquaintance of Bloch suggested that his book was fuelled by a "personal antipathy" towards

the Queen Mother, and quoted a letter in which the author had said that a "demonology of Queen Elizabeth" would be welcome news. "I'm a deeply loyal subject," Bloch insisted. "I greatly admire the Queen; she must have been in such a difficult position with the Windsors... As for the Queen Mother, whom the Windsors nicknamed 'Cookie', Bloch maintains that this was a term of affection. It was her husband whom they considered a "hollow man", Bloch said, lightly

**'They are beautiful letters, very touching love letters which stray into literary achievement'**

adding that "the Windsors believed that the Queen Mother may have to some extent been the architect of their misfortunes".

With Philip Zeigler's official biography of Edward VIII due to appear soon, Bloch is untroubled that his is a partial view of the Windsor story, informed by his own belief that they were "abominably treated". Given his curious, passionate feelings about Maitre Blum, caretaker of the Windsor reputation, it could hardly have been anything else.

He met her when he was a Cambridge law graduate, research-

ing, simultaneously, a PhD on international affairs and a biography of Philip Guedalla, a writer of the Thirties. In the course of examining Guedalla's papers, he discovered some "fascinating" misadventures from the Duke of Windsor, and went to Paris to ask Blum's permission to publish.

"I fell madly in love with her from the moment I saw her," Bloch said. "I thought she was the most beautiful person I'd ever seen. She had amazing bone structure, incredible eyes... Blum appears to have reciprocated some of this warmth, and after some visits and correspondence, Bloch, who had just been called to the Bar, became a pupil in her chambers. In September 1979 she invited him to write a book based on the Windsor papers and Bloch accepted. "What person in my position would not?"

For some time Bloch stayed in Paris, making scores of visits to the Duchess's house, and working for Blum, whom he thinks developed a maternal affection for him.

Bloch's next book will be on Ribbentrop, Hitler's ambassador to the Court of St James and author of a German plot to gain control of the Duke of Windsor. On the Windsor's own existence after *The Secret File* ends, he considers there is not much more to be said. But his friendship with Maitre Blum, now 90, will not allow him to drop the subject entirely. "I love her, I really love her," he said. "The idea of life without her is killing."

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## FIRST PERSON

Lynn Bushell

## Opening the door to equality

Personally, I never wanted to be a miner, but I did not have time to explain this to the man who slammed the door in my face as we came out of a restaurant.

I should have got the message as he pushed past my table. The look in his eye said it all: "You asked for equality, by God you'll get it."

But men do not slam doors in each other's faces. I would not have minded being treated like a man. What I objected to was being treated like a woman masquerading as a man. I do have some standards.

"The trouble with women," a male friend of mine explained recently, with that complacent smile that goes with trying to impart truth to those incapable of absorbing it, "is that they want to be treated like women when they want to be women, and men when they want to be men."

I see no difficulty here. The fact that I do the same job as he (though, being a woman, I like to feel I do it better) does not preclude him from opening the door for me as we walk out of the pub. Nor does it preclude me from saying "thank you".

This is the nub of it. On the few occasions recently when a man has given up his seat on a bus for me (I like to think this is not just homage to the elderly), I have noticed the terrified pause, as politeness battles with self-preservation. What worries him is that I might turn round and say: "No thanks."

It seems a pity that feminism has become synonymous with bad manners. Women are to blame for this confusion. I have sat beside men in cars on some 30 occasions when they have stopped to let another car through. "Women never say thank you," one of the men said to me, peremptorily, on the first occasion.

I find this kind of blanket dismissal of an entire sex rather irritating, so on the 29 subsequent occasions, I was on the look-out for a flaw in the argument; but I have to say he was right. The women, having squeezed their bonnet in between us and the open road, roared off without so much as a nod.

The trouble with all revolutions, I suppose, is that you have to go to the other extreme before you find the

middle. We have reached the stage now of having rushed across the room and bounced off the opposite wall. We are suffering simultaneously from bruising and exhilaration. We made it, but it hurt.

At the beginning, you do not count the casualties. At the end, there is not much else to do. We have got most of what we asked for and a few of us have got what we deserved. There is still a small section of the population that liberation by-passed and a few battle zones where a scrap takes place, but some of us, I suspect, have gone on firing rounds of ammunition into the air long after the ground we fought for was already won.

There is still the occasional sticking point, of course. At a recent dinner-party I was engaged when the host suggested the gentleman retire to another room for port and cigars. Port and cigars? What kind of place was this?

Later, I asked my companion what they had talked about. "The disintegration of the earth's crust," he said. The host was a professor of geology.

In their absence, I had had a fascinating conversation with the hostess, who was researching a book on female poisoners, and another woman who had been Barbara Hutton's private secretary. The only thing I had missed out on was the port and apparently there was not much of that. Still, it would have been nice to have had the choice.

No, we do not want to be men; we do not even particularly want to be treated like men and we certainly do not want to be treated like women pretending to be men. What we want is a relaxing of the pass-port controls on the border.

"You can have anything you want in life," an Indian philosopher once said, "as long as you are prepared to take what goes with it."

This is a mistake. The women who drove across my friend's path without acknowledgement have established their independence not only from the other sex, but from the rules of common courtesy. The result, eventually, will be that they will find themselves stuck in a side road while the mainstream of the traffic roars on past them.



## BRIEFLY

A round-up of news, views and information

## Mother's help

An adventurous family should be able to more than recoup the £150 cost of buying Capital Radio's *London for Kids*, published this week, thanks to discount vouchers for attractions as diverse as the London Dungeon, the Theatre Museum in Covent Garden, and the Woburn Safari and Leisure Park.

There are more than £10 worth of vouchers, offering between 50p and £1 off entrance fees, or free admission to a child; but the guide also gives good value by listing details, telephone numbers and opening hours of most of the major tourist spots in and around London. The activities described include canal boat cruises and pony rides in Epping Forest.

The guide is available from W.H. Smith and other newsagents "up about as far as Birmingham", Capital says. A second issue is already planned for Christmas.

## Fresh face

Image consultants have been getting worried about their image. Petty bickering between those who believe that people can be colour-coded by seasons and those who think image is individual was causing the newest profession to look unprofessional. So this month about 80 members of the image business banded together to form a Federation of Image Consultants. In America, the East Coast American Federation of Fashion and Image Consultants has been co-existing for some

years now in supposed harmony with a West Coast Federation of Image Consultants and PIM — Personal Image Makers. Dr Alyce Klusman, president of the AFIC, chaired the inaugural meeting of the London group and was made its patron and honorary affiliate. The president is Irene Nathan, a St Albans, consultant who, with her friend Marilyn Young, came up with the bright idea.

It will now be a question of waiting to see whether the blue FIC symbol appears on hairdressers, "wardrobe consultants" and colour analysis establishments. It is supposed to be your guarantee of quality in a field previously judged on appearances.

## Quote me



"What do you do when they go? Drink? Have affairs? I am extremely glad I have my work but I'm also very glad I worked things so that I had time for the kids while they were there."

Joan Bakerell

## Heavy metal

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★ **ARTIST DESCENDING:** Visual, aural and erotic misunderstanding in stage version of Stoppard's ingenious radio play.  
King's Head Theatre, 115 Upper Street N1 (01-226 1916). Tube: Angel/Highway & Islington. Previews from July 26, 8.30pm. Press night Aug 2, 7.30-8.50pm. Then Tues-Sun, 8.30pm. Mat Sat 3.30-4.50pm and Sun 3-4.20pm. Tues-Fri 8.30pm, Sat and Sun 8.50pm.

★ **BALZAC'S GOROTT:** Adaptation of the great bulging novel that delves into the underside of a society on the make.  
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★ **BLOOD BROTHERS:** Return of Willy Russell's Best Musical of 1982, with Kulu Dae as the mother of twins who give one away and live to regret it.  
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★ **A BRIGHT ROOM CALLED DAY:** Series of new American plays opens with Tony Kushner's strong political piece set in pre-Watergate America with Mike Markham and Frank Green.  
Bush Theatre, Shepherd's Bush Green, W12 (01-743 3388). Tube: Shepherd's Bush. Tues-Sun 8pm, Sat 8.30pm.

★ **BUSMAN'S HONEYMOON:** Dorothy, a Sayers's own adaptation of her thriller, with husband and wife team Edward Petherbridge and Emily Richard as the newly married Lord and Lady Peter Wimsey.  
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★ **DANGEROUS OBSESSION:** Betman-average revenge thriller. Politely smiling Dinsdale Landi drags Jeremy Bulloch and Hilary Tindall over the coals.  
Fortune Theatre, Russell Street W2 (01-836 2238). Tube: Covent Garden. Mon-Fri 8.10-10.15pm, Sat 8.30-10.35pm, mat Sat 3.30-4.50pm, Sun 3-4.20pm.

★ **DRIVING MISS DAISY:** Wendy Hiller, Barry Foster, Clarke Peters in this year's Pulitzer prizewinner, the relationship between an elderly Jewess and her black chauffeur. Fragile material but fine acting.

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★ **EXCLUSIVE YARNS:** Soap opera, set in a wool shop, gets in a temple with real life: new comedy with Pam Ferris.  
Comedy Theatre, Portland Street, W1 (01-930 2578). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Thurs 8.10-10.15pm, Fri and Sat 8.30-10.45pm, mat Sat 3.30-4.50pm, Sun 3-4.20pm.

★ **LETICIA AND LOVAGE:** Maggie Smith and Margaret Thatcher in a comedy war against the modern world in Peter Shaffer's new comedy.  
Globe Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 5867). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Thurs 8.10-10.15pm, Fri and Sat 8.30-10.45pm, mat Sat 3.30-4.50pm, Sun 3-4.20pm.

★ **THE ADMIRABLE CRICHTON:** Rex Harrison (60 this year) back on stage again to play Lord Loom, with Edward Fox as the unflappable butler, Lord Loom.  
Theatre Royal, Savoy (0225 65065). Mon-Thurs 7.50pm, Sat 8pm, mat Sat 3.30-4.50pm, Sun 3-4.20pm.

★ **MARY ROSE:** Susan Nisbet as the young wife magically spirited away in Barrie's touching play.  
Royal Lyceum Theatre, Grindley Street (01-229 9697). Mon-Sat 7.45, 10.15, 12.30, 2.30, 4.30, 6.30, 8.30, 10.30.

★ **BO BO BO:** A new musical based on the Gene Vincent/Eddie Cochran tour of 1960.  
Lyric Theatre, King Street W1 (01-741 2311). Tube: Tottenham Court Road. Previews from July 26, 8.30pm. Press night Aug 2, 7.30-8.50pm. Then Tues-Sun, 8.30pm. Mat Sat 3.30-4.50pm and Sun 3-4.20pm.

★ **THE TEMPEST:** John Wood makes a welcome return to the RSC to play Prospero in Nicholas Hytner's new production.  
Royal Shakespeare Theatre, (0789 525252).

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Talking with artist Tim Rollins and his K.O.S. (Kids of Survival), who are having their first solo exhibition in Britain, is a refreshing reminder of community art's capacity to overcome elitism. For eight years Rollins has been teaching youths with learning problems from the South Bronx. His collaborations with them on huge paintings inspired by classic literature are now chic among collectors, including the Museum of Modern Art in New York, which has recently purchased one based on Kafka's *Amerika*. The image of Mrs Thatcher as a goose (right) is from a series of pictures about political leaders and power. Mildly satirical portraits are painted over pages of Orwell's *Animal Farm*. As Rollins explains: "We don't illustrate the text. We use it as a springboard for our own ideas. Making an image like this is the nearest we are going to come to Mrs Thatcher. It's our way of having a voice." George Gascia, who is 16 and painted the goose's body, elaborates: "If you get offended then that's the way you feel about it. Other people laugh and think it's funny." An exhibition of paintings by Tim Rollins and K.O.S. starts today at Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, Hammersmith, London W6 (01-741 2251), daily noon-11pm, free, until August 21.



Mrs Thatcher as a goose: in a series about political figures and power

★ **MOONSTRUCK (PG):** Should Cher play it safe and marry Danny Aello, or follow her heart and go for his brother, Nicholas Cage? The comedy took the Best Actress award at the Berlin Film Festival and the Best Actress Oscar (102 min).  
Cannon Pictures (01-439 4470). Progs 12.30, 2.45, 5.00, 7.15, 9.30.

★ **POLICE ACADEMY V (PG):** More journey into the life of the Los Angeles Police Academy. Directed by Peter Zucker. Starring Garry Shandling, David Graf and Michael Winslow.  
Cannon Pictures (01-229 4149). Progs 1.55, 3.55, 5.15, 7.30, 9.45.

★ **ABOUT SOUFFLE (15):** Revival of Godard's first feature film from 1969 — off-hand tale of a flake (Jean-Paul Belmondo) and an American student in Paris (Jean Seberg).  
Everyman (01-435 1525). Progs 3.00, 5.35, 8.00.

★ **DARK EYES (PG):** Soviet director Nikita Mikhalkov's superb adaptation of Chekhov. Filmed in Italy starring Marcello Mastroianni, with Silvana Mangano and Marina Keller (117 min).  
Curzon Mayfair (01-499 3737). Progs 2.00, 4.25, 6.30, 8.30.

★ **DEADLY PURSUIT (PG):** Sidney Poitier returns to the screen after a decade's absence as an FBI veteran teamed with a backwoodsman in the pursuit of a murderous villain (110 min).  
Cannon Pictures (01-229 4149). Progs 2.45, 5.30, 8.25.

★ **MY GIRLFRIEND'S BOYFRIEND (PG):** The last in Eric Rohmer's series of "Comedies and Provocatives" — an ironic story of romance and confusion among young, talkative people, set in a Paris suburb (102 min).  
Cannon Pictures (01-485 2443). Progs 2.10, 4.20, 6.35, 8.50.

★ **HAIRSPRAY (PG):** Nutty comedy from director John Waters. America's high school of bad taste, poking fun at the social habits of Baltimore teenagers in 1958 (86 min).  
Cannon Pictures (01-352 5096). Progs 1.35, 3.35, 5.35, 7.35, 9.40.

★ **THE LAST EMPEROR (15):** Bernardo Bertolucci's gorgeously photographed epic tells the extraordinary story of Pui Yi, China's last imperial ruler, who lived to become a model Communist citizen.  
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★ **SPICY RICE (PG):** The tragic-comic troubles of a Pakistani immigrant in Germany. Striking first feature from Jan Schultze, much praised at the Venice Film Festival last year (72 min).  
Cannon Pictures (01-439 4470). Progs 2.00, 5.00, 8.00, 11.00.

★ **THROW MOMMA FROM THE TRAIN (15):** Delightfully jaunty black comedy, with Danny DeVito as a dim-witted adult student who proposes a murderous deal with his frustrated teacher (Billy Crystal). DeVito also directs (88 min).  
Odeon Leicester Square (01-930 6111). Progs 1.30, 4.00, 6.30, 8.00.

★ **WALL STREET (15):** Oliver Stone's first feature film, a scathing critique against the evils of greed and stock market manipulation. Michael Douglas won an Oscar as the amoral wheeler-dealer; Charlie Sheen co-stars as his naive protégé (126 min).  
Cannon Pictures (01-437 3561). Progs 2.30, 5.15, 8.00.

★ **WINGS OF DESIRE (15):** Wim Wenders's epic tale of two angels watching over the citizens of Berlin (127 min).  
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★ **TELEMANIA TEXT:** Conducted by Peter Leech, the L'Orchestre Ensemble performs Teleman's *Ken Vogel* (100 min).  
St Anne and St Agnes, Gresham St, London EC2 (01-373 5566). 1.10-1.50pm, free.

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★ **STUDENTS' ENO:** In the last concert of the National Festival of Student Music, the Westminster Trio plays Shostakovich's Piano Trio Op 27, Sally Ann Evans performs Poulenc's Flute Sonata, and the Royal College of Music Students' Chamber Ensemble, conducted by Kevin Hall, plays Constant Lambert's Piano Concerto, with Andrew Harris as soloist.  
St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 1061). 7.30pm, £2.50, £4.50.

★ **MAUSCAT MUSIC:** In the presence of the Prince of Wales, John Maussat conducts the RPO in Mozart's *Symphony No 39* and Richard Strauss's *Don Juan*. Then Dame Kiri Te Kanawa sings Mozart's aria, *Soprano* songs, *Barbaric* songs, *St. John's* songs.  
St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 1061). 8.10pm, £2.50-



## TELEVISION AND RADIO

Compiled by Peter Dear  
and Jane Rackham

## Motorway madness

TELEVISION  
CHOICE

● Having only last Sunday been involved in one of the M25's celebrated tailbacks, I was particularly receptive to the anarchic humour of *Burning Ambition* (BBC2, 9.25pm). It is the first television production of Théâtre de Complicité, an international touring company of young actors which has won admirers from Edinburgh to Hong Kong since it was formed five years ago. Like its other shows, *Burning Ambition* is devised by the members of the company and relies more on improvisation around a basic set of ideas than a formal script. Therein lies its strengths and its weaknesses. The joy of the show is that it is unstructured, freewheeling and unpredictable. It draws successfully on a variety of comic traditions, from Chaplinesque mime to the broad knockabout of the *Carry On* series, and allies them to a vein of social and political satire which is all the more effective for lying just beneath the surface. Thus *Burning Ambition* can be read as a tilt at Thatcherite enterprise culture, underlined by a prominent portrait of its creator, as well as lampooning the myopia of petty bureaucracy which invokes fire regulations to forbid the lighting of candles on a birthday cake in a motorway service area. The weakness of the improvisatory approach is that it tends to produce a series of more or less isolated gags, rather than comedy that expands and develops. If only because one of the gags is the attempt to hide a dead body, *Burning Ambition* recalls a famous episode from *Fawlty Towers* but it does not share the immaculate plotting of the John Cleese-Connie Booth series or its manic logic. All the



Simon McBurney (left) and Marcello Magni as organizers of coach tours round London's orbital motorway (BBC2, 9.25pm)

same it is an engaging piece, blackish in tone, with Simon McBurney and Marcello Magni as a couple of incompetent who are sacked from their jobs with a travel company and decide to run guided coach tours along the 117 miles of the London orbital motorway, "the Sahara. Off-duty they spend much of their time making themselves look beautiful, particularly the men.

Peter Waymark

## Secrets made public

RADIO  
CHOICE

● As a focal point for our concentration, the unburdening couch of psychiatrist Dr Anthony Clare, though non-existent, has become every bit as real as Roy Plomley's desert island or Hansel and Gretel in East Cheam. What gives the Clare consulting room extra solidity, of course, is the fact that in the Psychiatrist's Chair (Radio 4, 9.05am, repeated next Sunday) is very much about a professional psychological probe at work, and though the secrets Clare publicly coaxes out of its occupants are not, Anthony Burgess, Clare's first patient in his new series, says the reason he wanted to find out how much he could learn about himself. As he recently published the first volume of his autobiography — a self-analytical exploration of some



Anthony Burgess submits to Clare's probing (R4, 9.05am)

depth — one wonders why he thought this session with Clare was necessary. There is, I suspect, a masochistic element here because Burgess confesses that another reason he decided to be anatomized was that he wondered how far he could submit to the Clare

probing technique. Whatever the real motives, the result makes for a series of candid revelations and cherishing quotes. Burgess (with much Irish blood in his veins) on identity: "I always felt I was supposed to have a responsibility to England and was disappointed England felt it had no corresponding responsibility for me." Burgess on sleeping partners: "I've always felt that English women had to be approached in a sisterly manner, rather than an erotic manner." Burgess on children: "They are unfinished beings who should become adults as quickly as possible." Burgess on the next world: "I always see God as Beethoven's Ninth played for ever, and to itself, by a million-piece orchestra."

Peter Davalle

## Radio 3

Op 23 No 7: In G sharp minor, Op 23 No 12: E-flat major, Op 23 No 11: C major, and Prokofiev (Sonata No 7 in B flat)

2.00 Interpretations on record: Purcell's *Dido and Aeneas* (r)

3.00 Vintage Verses: Tchaikovsky's *Quintet in C*, Rachmaninoff, cello, plays Schubert (*Quintet in C*)

4.00 Choral Evensong: University of Wales, Aberystwyth, Choir of St David's Church, Llanelli, singing *Te Deum* (Introit: Kyrie)

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#### INDEX-LINKED

No.	Company	Price	Change	%
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2	Anglo	100.00	0.00	0.00
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No.	Company	Price	Change	%
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## STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

# Equities lose early lead

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began July 18. Dealings end July 29. Contango day August 1. Settlement day August 8.

Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (a) denotes Alpha Stocks.

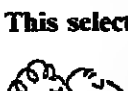
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100.00	95.00	Anglo	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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★ BLOOD RUSSELL'S Best De the one away and Albery Theatre (01-836 3878). previews front press night Ju SAT 7.45-10.4. Sun 4-7. Sun 4-7. Sun 4-7.

★ BUSMAN'S L. Savers's a thriller, with E. Edwards. Path as the newly Peter Wimes. 2011. Tube 7.45pm. Sat 2.30pm. Pre

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## Chancery Division

## Injunction in dispute over use of title

*Mirror.*

His Lordship thought the plaintiffs were correct that advertisement was intended to increase the circulation of the *Daily Mirror* circulation at the expense of *The Sun*.

It was difficult to see how intended damage could be quantified. Damages after judgment would not be adequate.

As to the damage to the *Sun*, the plaintiffs sought an injunction to prevent the publication of the sought was not asking; the plaintiffs were not requesting that advertisement which were ready up and would be published. The *Sun* would be taken down and should no more to be used.

The defendants wished to continue, in a light hearted to bring the public's attention to the unique quality of the *Mirror*. Amongst the court, the *Mirror* was not a fair tabloid press, at the committed support, in a sense, of the Labour Party policies."

The *Mirror* Group had more posters in stock, and advertising space would be cancelling, and His Lordship did not think a limited injunction would cause if any substantial damage. An injunction was granted.

Solicitors: Allen & O'Sullivan  
Musibon de Reys

## Correction

**News Group Newspapers Ltd  
v Mirror Group Newspapers Ltd**

plaintiffs were correct that advertisement was intended to increase the circulation of the *Daily Mirror* circulation at the expense of *The Sun*.

It was difficult to see how intended damage could be quantified. Damages after assessment would not be adequate to compensate for the damage to the plaintiffs' reputation.

Granted, the scope of the sought was relevant; the plaintiffs were not asking that advertisement which would be read up and would cause the plaintiffs' name should be taken down and wanted no more to be used.

The defendants wished to continue, in a light hearted way to bring the public's attention to the unique quality of *The Mirror*. Amongst the current press, the tabloid press, at the committed press, in a business sense, of the Labour Party policies."

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Solicitors: Allen & O'Mahoney de Reys.

## Correction

*Journal of Management Education*







**Jacques Séguéla, France's advertising legend, is on the prowl for London agencies. E. Jane Dickson met him in Paris**

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## CREATIVE, MEDIA &amp; MARKETING APPOINTMENTS

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## Louise Taylor evaluates the costliest forward in Britain

# Cottee has the status but he may not have the stature



Cottee signs for Everton

### THE COTTEE FILE

Name: Anthony Richard Cottee

Born: July 11, 1965, at West Ham

Age: 22, made his debut against Tottenham

Hotspur on New Year's Day 1983; he scored

after 26 minutes.

Season: 1987-88

League goals: 10

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The critics have already begun to question Everton's sanity in spending £2 million on a forward who has yet to establish himself at international level and who, at 23, has so far failed to win a significant honour in the domestic game. But the consensus of opinion among Tony Cottee's former colleagues is that the forward, signed yesterday from West Ham United, is entitled to his status as one of Britain's two most expensive footballers.

Liam Brady, one of the few genuinely creative players of the past decade, was generous in his praise. "Tony is very aware, he has an instinctive knack of anticipating defenders and getting in front of them," he said. "He'll do very well playing off Graeme Sharp. When he's not scoring, people start picking faults with his overall play but it's no good having 11 team players if none of them can put the ball in the back of the net."

Paul Goddard, whose career at Upton Park was eclipsed by Cottee's emergence, echoed the eulogy: "Tony's first touch used to let him down but it has improved enormously. But his main asset is his positional sense, the ability to sniff out a half-chance. He's got plenty of confidence and he'll need it. At that price people are going to knock him, but if a team is creating chances he'll always score goals."

Billy Bonds, the West Ham veteran, is convinced that his value has not been exaggerated. "If an unproven lad like Paul Stewart is worth £1.7 million, Tony has to be worth more. People will always pay for goals and Tony is a natural."

### His scoring credentials leave no room for doubt

Instinctive scorer. Although he prefers his right, he's two-footed. His main strength is his pace over 10 yards. He loses big defenders in the penalty area and he can look after himself. He's had no serious injuries.

Cottee's scoring credentials are impeccable. There can be no questioning a goal ratio of slightly better than one in three. It is his capacity as an all-round entertainer and the fact that he has not yet proved himself at the highest level.

### A snapper-up of trifles inside the six-yard box

Romford Royals under-11s, claiming 99 goals in one season. Sid Castle, who, with Cottee's father, helped him the nine-year-old during his days with the Royals, recalled: "You never expected him to do anything outside the penalty area but if there was half a chance inside the six-yard box he'd snap it up."

At 17 Cottee attracted the attention of a wider audience by scoring on his debut for West Ham against Tottenham on New Year's Day, 1983. Five and a half years, 211 appearances and 74 more League goals on, the eyes of a nation and beyond will be trained on the diminutive adult version as he strives to justify Everton's gamble.

Cottee has made only three senior appearances for England, as substitute, with a three-match international suspension after a sending-off in an under-21 fixture sandwiched in between. His one-time fellow Romford Royal, Steve Castle, now with Leyton Orient, said: "Tony's international ban shook him up and he's learnt his lesson."

At 23, Gary Lineker had yet to play for England, so Cottee still has time to achieve international status. Ironically, Cottee will be expected to live up to the legend of Lineker, who entered his memorable 40-goal season at Goodison Park, where he laid the foundations of a scoring record that reached its peak when he was top scorer in the Mexico World Cup.



Rotherfield Greys (left) storms through inside the final furlong to capture the William Hill Stewards' Cup at Goodwood yesterday from rank outsider Glencroft (right). The third horse, Dowling, is out of shot (Photograph: Tim Bishop)

## Rotherfield Greys owner lands £500,000 Stewards' Cup coup

By Michael Seely, Racing Correspondent

A successful £500,000 gamble on Rotherfield Greys in yesterday's William Hill Stewards' Cup at Goodwood by Tony Gleeson was triggered off by Seve Ballesteros' magical round in last week's Open Championship.

"It was all systems go when Seve said, 'I had a good time', and I had a £150 going-already. So then I took the 33-1 with the bookmakers to win a quarter of a million. My family have had a good time too."

Rotherfield Greys landed the gamble with almost as much aplomb as Ballesteros' chip to the 18th at Lytham St Anne's. From the moment Nigel Day pulled the six-year-old Glencroft entering the last furlong, the outcome became a formality.

Quickening effortlessly to go clear, Rotherfield Greys won by two lengths. Dowling, who has run a magnificent race under 10 stone, was only three-quarters of a length away in third place.

Master Pokey, the 13-2 favourite, had his each-way supporters' hearts in their mouths before staying on to take fourth place, after being outpooled in the early main scramble.

"There were no excuses, he ran a great race," said Steve Caution. Rotherfield Greys has only been with his trainer, Chris Wall, a former assistant to Luca Cumani, for 12 weeks, the gelding running two promising races earlier in the season for

Jeff Pearce, but had not earned brackets since capturing five of his seven races in 1986.

"The pressure really came on me when Ballesteros won," said Wall. He hadn't shown me much before last week. Then he suddenly started to fire on the gallops and that's when we backed him."

The Westmeath-born owner has travelled from Ealing to Goodwood to walk the track every day for the past week. "He has to have good ground and the drying winds came just in time."

Gleeson's day had started badly when he was forced to use a woman to start his car. "I then took it to a car-wash, left the window open and got soaked through. So I thought it might be a third time unlucky," he said cheerfully.

Not to be outdone by his former pupil, Cumani himself then hit the headlines when Ray Cochrane persuaded Oshonmellow to recapture her spring form, the combination sprinting home by three lengths in the Oak Tree Stakes.

Inchmurrin, favourite after her Child Stakes victory, ran as though feeling the effects of her busy season and finished only fifth.

After winning so impressively at Sandown, Oshonmellow had disappointed behind Magic Of Life at Royal Ascot.

"She got very excited and ran away," said Cumani. "I'd see a woman she would be a long-legged neurotic blonde. All credit must go to Mark Dunwoody, her regular rider, and to Ray. There was a stewards' inquiry into interference."

A furlong from home but it was found to be accidental and the places remained unchanged.

Another old-fashioned gamble was landed in the opening California Stakes when Gradac, back from 10-1 to 6-1, sprinted four lengths clear of Park Street in the hands of Tony Ives for Peter Calver, who won last year's Stewards' Cup with Madras.

Last time out Gradac had finished fifth to Helle Vaigly at Newmarket and yesterday's result paid yet another tribute to the value of the form of the Addison Tools Handicap.

"The form was good and he was unlucky in running at Newmarket," said Calver, "but I don't know where all the money came from as the owner's name is in Nevada."

## Minster Son earns Leger tilt

Minster Son continued the return to form of Dick Herr's disappointing Derby horses and put himself on target for the St Leger when giving the great trainer his fifth victory in the Gordon Stakes in the past 15 years at Goodwood yesterday (Michael Seely writes).

At Ascot on Saturday, Unifun had set the standard for Minster Son to aim at when chasing home Mitto in the King George VI and the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes. Now it was the turn of Minster Son, who had been a consistent performer since his debut in the 1985 season.

Willie Carson, to recapture the ability that had seen him best Sheriff's Star here in May.

Showing the dogged courage and stamina that has always been his hallmark, the 2-1 favourite battled on gamely to beat Assatis by two lengths with Alwastah the same distance away.

The Lady Beaverbrook was in the winners' enclosure to greet the three-year-old. "I'd love him to go to stand on a winning note and the Leger is a very tough race," she said. "But I'd have to leave it up to Major Carson and he's always so persuasive."

Herr returned home from the Crownwell Hospital to West

Baker last Saturday after his recent heart surgery and watched the race on television.

"Minster Son pulled a muscle in the Derby and was lame today," he said. "He was well today. The Leger was a much better test of his stamina than the Derby and it was in the Great Voltigeur Stakes at York."

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CRICKET: ENGLAND LOOK TO THE LONG TERM AS THEY GO BACK TO THE RETHINK TANK WHILE GOWER CONTEMPLATES THE INDIAN TOUR

# The lonely walk of Cowdrey

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

Christopher Cowdrey shook his head over his shattered dream. Summoning adequate words was not easy, even for this natural orator. Finally, he said: "The major disappointment is that we lost by 10 wickets."

He was neither deliberately stating the obvious nor attempting sarcasm. Cowdrey was just expressing his bewilderment that England could make such an unholly mess of a match in which they retained hopes of victory until late on the fourth day. Twenty-six minutes into the fifth, they had lost it by another enormous margin.

Cowdrey, being new to this game, may not have been quite as prepared as the rest of us for such a calamity. Mickey Stewart, seated beside him, has seen it all before. This time he looked neither surprised nor defiant. He did not bother to pretend that there was still a battle to be won, for he knew it had been lost with heavy casualties. He did not even venture a drum-banging team talk, preferring instead to seek the support of his players in calling for a rethink in domestic cricket.

It was a frank admission by

the manager that the long term must be protected as the short term is beyond redemption. West Indies, staggeringly underrated by many observers on the flimsy evidence of a few personnel changes and defeat in a one-day series for which they scarcely concealed their contempt, have proved that even if they may not be quite the sledge-hammer force of old, they remain far too strong for England.

If Marshall does not do the damage, then Ambrose, the man of the match here, assuredly will. Given five dry days at the Oval, it is difficult to see their being denied a 4-0 victory. Not quite the same old whitewash but as near as makes no difference.

Dujon and Haynes wasted no time in making the 38 runs required yesterday. Dujon ended it with a four clipped through square leg off Cowdrey, who, despite making a lively impression with his captaincy, did nothing in the match to dispel the fear that neither his batting nor his bowling is good enough for Test cricket. This will naturally concern the selectors, although, having planned their

## SCOREBOARD FROM HEADINGLEY

West Indies won toss

### ENGLAND

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# Gower sets his sights on India

By Andrew Longmore

In time, David Gower will view his hundredth Test with pride. But yesterday, amid the debris of a deserted dressing room, he could only reflect on a poor script for his big occasion, and on the chilling thought of his 100th Test: 100 Tests, 7,000 runs.

Now, after his failure at Headingley, he might have to wait until this winter's tour of India to start the next stage of his 10-year Test career.

"There's no point in going into deep technical or psychological analysis about the match. I was more nervous than I would have been in the first innings, but I think I was a little unlucky in the second innings. The simple fact is it didn't work," he said.

"When I look back I will not see the Test as a game best as two halves separated from the match. I'm glowing a bit about achieving these milestones, but my over-riding feeling at



## Medals beckon in one of Britain's forgotten events

The ultimate brief is deterrence. Gold said: "We're not victimizing anyone, as some people seem to think. We're using it as a deterrent. The whole essence is that no one is sure now that they won't be tested."

there are no wihips cracking and the programme is not too long and the tiredness of the previous day's travel — they finally got bed at four in the morning — should be forgotten. Show your strength and the firm, set run up here should suit her.

If Wise's efforts have been unavailing, she can blame Friday May, the 19th, the day of the year, where she left last start. She has improved her best to 6.3 metres and stands second in this season's world junior rankings. It is a pity that the 19th is more unlucky. While Wise is in speed, May, aged 19, is in elevation. It could be that the run-up will therefore suit May better than Wise. The 19th of Utundu, of Nigeria, will be just too good; and it could be that May will follow up a European gold with another here. It could be that the 19th will be a long jumper, three could win medals. It will help a bit to make up for the last 20 years.

There will be no displacement of Britain's pre-selected two wo

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# De Savary wants to sail on into troubled waters

By Keith Wheatley

With just eight weeks to go until the start of the next America's Cup, headed by Peter de Savary, yesterday decided to fly its boat and support facilities to the regatta venue in San Diego. The airlift will go ahead even in the face of New Zealand's refusal to race the British team.

San Diego Yacht Club is the holder of the Cup after Dennis Conner's comeback victory in Australia last year. It plans to defend the trophy in a catamaran, a move which the New Zealanders, who are the automatic challengers, were unable to block in Monday's court action in New York. However, what they did block was a British bid, in the form of the Royal Burnham Yacht Club, to be a rival challenger for the Cup.

Peter de Savary and Michael Fay, his opposite number for the Mercury Bay Boating Club in New Zealand, held an acrimonious transatlantic telephone conversation in the early hours of yesterday morning. "There was no change at

all in his position," said a furious De Savary, who now accepts it as extremely unlikely that Britain will get a chance to race this year. "He has a barrack-room lawyer mentality. The Americans are 100 per cent willing to let us compete and risk losing the Cup to our boat but Fay doesn't want to take a chance. He's the last man who should be involved in the America's Cup."

De Savary's belief that Fay has broken faith centres on a letter written to him by Fay in April. Once the Blue Arrow head knew his team could build a boat in time for a September regatta, he asked New Zealand for an acceptance. It came in a clear and simple letter from Fay. The New Zealand syndicate leader now says he did not realize he was agreeing to race such a revolutionary boat (Blue Arrow has produced the world's first foil-assisted monohull) and that the deal is therefore void.

In San Diego an aide to Michael Fay agreed that the exchanges between the two

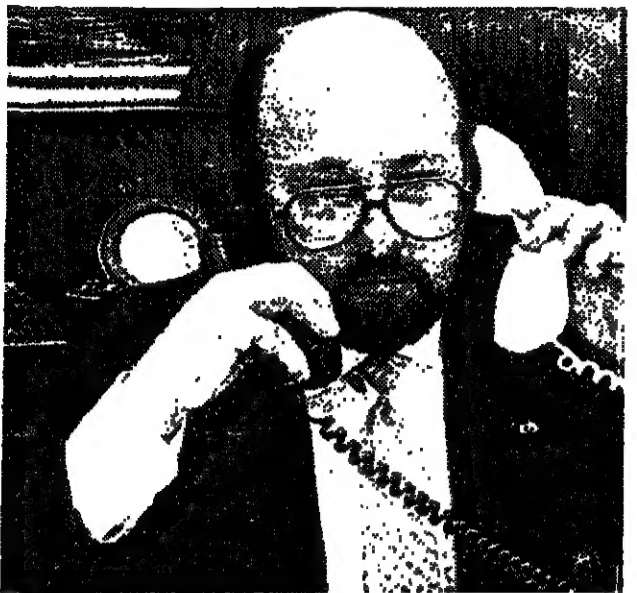
had been "heated". In an interview broadcast in New Zealand yesterday, Fay said: "Mr De Savary's boat is not the right type, this is one Cup he's not in. We're not going to race the defender's catamaran without a protest and we won't race the British trimaran at all. We have an agreement made in New York last December to race the British if they turn up in the same type of boat as ours. If they do, then there will be a challenger series."

In the New York judge's verdict on the case, delivered on Monday, Justice Ciparick held that there had been an agreement between De Savary and Fay but that it lacked the necessary details to be enforced in a court of law.

Blue Arrow's rationale for dismantling the boat and its support craft and shipping them and 60 personnel to San Diego is twofold. "This is an intermediate, unexpected America's Cup. We didn't expect to race until 1991 anyway," de Savary said. "Setting up of a camp and sailing the boat in a competitive environment will be an invaluable rehearsal for the real thing. We're also incredibly proud of the technology this represents. To build a boat this unusual and have her go like a rocket straight out of the box is something all of Britain can be proud of."

It won't do any harm to have her sailing off San Diego, flaunting her stuff in front of the New Zealanders. I just can't believe that Fay can be the first man in the history of this event to hide behind the law.

Blue Arrow, after extensive discussion with New York attorneys, has ruled out any appeal against the judgement. "No more lawyers," De Savary said. "She [the New York judge] was absolutely right that this whole thing should be on the water."



De Savary trying to keep his plans afloat yesterday

19 April 1988

Mr Peter De Savary  
Blue Arrow America's Cup Challenge  
UNITED KINGDOM

Dear Peter,

Mercury Bay Boating Club, as Challenger for the next America's Cup, agrees to a sail off with Royal Burnham Yacht Club in August 1988.

Kind regards

H. MICHAEL FAY

cc Sail America

Michael Fay's letter to de Savary in which he agreed to a challenge for the America's Cup

## Gutteridge will know result today

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent

Jeff Gutteridge, the British international pole vaulter, will know this morning whether he is to become the first British athlete to fail a dope test. The first sample showed traces of what were said to be steroids and the second sample was analysed yesterday afternoon.

If the second test proves positive, Gutteridge effectively faces a life ban. He was tested at a training camp in the Canary Isles on April 29.

The urine was split into the

quits two samples, and the first sample was tested at the King's College laboratory two weeks ago. When it allegedly showed traces of an illegal steroid, Gutteridge was suspended from competition, pending a test on the second sample.

British Amateur Athletic Board officials confirmed yesterday that the results would be announced late this morning. And since, in the history of drug testing in Britain, a second sample has never

contradicted a first, Gutteridge is a prime candidate for an IAAF two-year ban for a first offence. But, since the BAAH has a policy of refusing to apply for reinstatement, that would mean the end of his career.

When Gutteridge received notification of the alleged irregularities in his first sample two weeks ago, it is understood that his solicitor responded, asserting that the original procedures for taking the sample had been con-

ducted improperly. But the Swiss athlete, Sandra Gasser, claimed similar improprieties over her positive dope test at the world championships in Rome last year. That claim was turned down in the High Court.

At his home in Slough last night, the former Commonwealth silver medal winner said: "I can definitely say I will be taking legal action if the results of the test go the wrong way. Obviously, it's an anxious time."

"There were two main fac-

tors behind my decision," he said. "Firstly, I was very impressed with Colin Harvey, his thoughts on football and the role he has in mind for me. Secondly, I was a bit disenchanted with London and I felt that I needed a new challenge. I am looking forward to settling up in the North."

"It was a tough decision between two great clubs but I am certain that I have made the right one. I want to win titles and establish myself in

the England squad and I think that I have a better chance of doing that here than I would have had at Arsenal."

Andy Thorn became the second member of Wimbledon's FA Cup-winning side to join Newcastle United this summer when he signed for them in an £850,000 transfer yesterday. The England under-21 central defender, who had just been appointed captain of Wimbledon, has agreed to a five-year contract.

One of the aims of the research will be towards preventive application: to diminish the number of injuries suffered by racehorses, to improve their training surfaces, as well as nutrition, and hence reduce the wastage and early retirement of so many good horses which takes place today.

A new sports medicine clinic for animals will be established at the university's School of Veterinary Sciences at Langford.

It is intended that the new facility will link up with a modern veterinary clinic to be established at the new racecourse proposed by the Marlborough Leisure Park Group near the M4 at Swindon. The intention is that several hundred racehorses would be trained at the new racecourse, to enable on-the-spot undergraduate and postgraduate work with horses to take place.

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## Mankind easily outpaced at a gallop



Three against one: Dr Wilson finds the odds very much against him in yesterday's gallop below Somerset's Blackdown Hills. Photograph: Nick Rogers.

## Tyson calls for hold on Bruno date

New York (Reuters) — Mike Tyson

settled his contract dispute with his manager, Bill Cayton, on Tuesday and then announced that he was taking a break from boxing and would not box the British heavyweight, Frank Bruno, as scheduled.

Tyson, who had sued to break his contract with Cayton, reached an out-of-court settlement under which Cayton will remain his manager until February 11, 1992.

However, Cayton's share of Tyson's boxing income will drop from 33 per cent to 20 per cent, and his cut of the champion's future commercial endorsements was reduced from 33 per cent to 10 per cent.

Tyson also gained the right to veto any proposed fight, control the hiring of a trainer and have an accountant of his choice review "all revenues past, present and future."

"I'm running the show now," Tyson said at a news conference attended by his wife, mother-in-law, adviser Donald Trump, Cayton and attorneys for both sides. "If I disagree with anything, it doesn't have to happen."

Cayton said he was pleased that the bitter dispute was resolved following an all-day negotiating session on Monday.

"If it had gone to trial, it would have been disagreeable and unhappy for everyone," he said. "Let the past be past and let's go on to a bright future."

Tyson said the immediate future won't include a scheduled bout on September 3 against Bruno at Wembley Stadium.

"I'm going to take six to eight weeks off. I just don't want to fight right now."

## Stewart appeals for big changes in county game

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

The men who run county cricket were given a stark message yesterday by the England manager, Micki Stewart. In the immediate aftermath of a 10-wicket defeat at Headingly, which conceded the Cornhill series to West Indies, Stewart warned that England will continue to struggle until there are big changes of attitude and conditions in the domestic game.

Stewart has compiled a six-page report on his views, which he will present to the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) within a fortnight. The counties will have a chance to debate it at the board's autumn meeting. At a post-match team meeting yesterday Stewart also counselled the opinions of the England players and found broad agreement that the gulf between county and Test cricket is now unmanageably great.

largely owing to the poor quality of championship pitches and, he believes, the dominance of overseas players.

"It is very necessary to look seriously into our traditional domestic game in order for us to compete and be acceptably successful at the highest level," Stewart said, adding that he had long been hoping to expound his theories from a position of strength after an England victory. Presumably, he has wearied of waiting. England have gone 17 Tests without a win.

"I don't want these opinions to be seen as an excuse for what has gone on out there," Stewart continued. "We have lost 3-0 and that's it. We have been stuffed out of sight. But this type of cricket is too far removed from our domestic game. It's further apart than ever and something must be done."

## Cowdrey's stiff task

With Kent head of the championship and Middlesex leading the Sunday league the meeting between the teams in the NatWest Trophy at Lord's today would have been the outstanding quarter-final tie even had it not, uniquely, brought together the three players who have captained England this season (Geoffrey Wheeler writes).

If recent knock-out form is any guide, Christopher Cowdrey is due to suffer another crushing disappointment. Middlesex beat Kent comfortably in the zonal rounds of the Benson and Hedges Cup and also won limited-overs finals between the teams.

A re-run of this season's Benson and Hedges Cup final at Derby, gives Derbyshire a chance of a measure of re-

venge for their comprehensive defeat earlier this month by Hampshire. There is a League of Nations look about the new-ball attacks, with Holding (West Indies) and Mortensen (Denmark) for Derbyshire and, for Hampshire, Jeffries (South Africa) and Bekker (Netherlands).

There might be a full house at New Road, for Worcestershire against Gloucestershire, where much depends on whether Alderman, who ricked his back at Hove last week, passes a fitness test.

Gloucestershire will have new-ball bowlers Thomas and Warwick on parade at the Oval, where their only doubt concerns Holmes, who has a badly bruised finger. David Smith's back injury will keep him out of the Surrey side

Stewart has long been advocate of four-day cricket in the county championship but he accepts that a commitment to the longer game would be ruined unless better pitches are prepared. He also believes that our grass-roots system is "the weakest in the world" and that we are wasting the chance to employ specialist coaches, such as John Snow, in the area of fast bowling.

"The thinking of county clubs these days revolves around revenue. Perhaps they lose sight of the fact that their biggest source of revenue is the Test pool. It could be that their share will not be so big unless our fortunes improve at this level."

The dilemma of Test players was best summed up by the captain, Chris Cowdrey. "We have a championship which is great fun. It is usually played on sporty pitches and things are happening all the time. But from that you have to find a side to play a totally different sort of game on good Test pitches against high-class bowling. The two games are so different."

"Fitches are the biggest problem. We have all seen teams win championships on bad wickets. Through this, batsmen come into a Test in no sort of form and bowlers arrive with a false confidence. Someone has to stop the doctoring of pitches and perhaps more onus should be put on the umpires."

Stewart joined the debate on overseas players with his personal view that none should be allowed in the county game. But Viv Richards, the West Indian captain, holds the opposite view. "It is a feeble excuse," he said. "It is sad to me that overseas players take the knock whenever England lose."

The racehorse/human fun run was a celebration of this event, because the research which will stem from it will be concerned in part with the study of the training of human athletes and its application to the training of racehorses. To illustrate this, Dr Wilson who is trained in veterinary science (as well as actually being able to ride a horse) compared his own routine with that of a racehorse which spends a good deal of the day idle in his box: "I run about 120 miles a week, but I don't spend 20 hours a day in bed."

Dr Allen Goodship is the occupant of the new chair at Bristol and one of Britain's leading experts into research into orthopaedic injuries in racehorses. He explained: "We decided a lot of areas of research are not covered. Marlborough will support research at Bristol to the benefit of British racing and horses in general."

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## Why Cottee chose Everton

By Ian Ross and Louise Taylor

Tony Cottee yesterday cited his dissatisfaction with life in his native London as the most salient reason behind his decision to join Everton and not Arsenal. He agreed to join the Merseyside club late on Monday night and completed the formalities of a £2 million transfer yesterday, a fee which equals the British transfer record established last month when Paul Gascoigne joined Tottenham Hotspur from Newcastle United.

"There were two main factors behind my decision," he said. "Firstly, I was very impressed with Colin Harvey, his thoughts on football and the role he has in mind for me. Secondly, I was a bit disenchanted with London and I felt that I needed a new challenge. I am looking forward to settling up in the North."

"It was a tough decision between two great clubs but I am certain that I have made the right one. I want to win titles and establish myself in

the England squad and I think that I have a better chance of doing that here than I would have had at Arsenal."

Andy Thorn became the second member of Wimbledon's FA Cup-winning side to join Newcastle United this summer when he signed for them in an £850,000 transfer yesterday. The England under-21 central defender, who had just been appointed captain of Wimbledon, has agreed to a five-year contract.

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## Proud Bird is forced to abandon record attempt

A limping powerboat and a 600-gallon oil slick in mid North Atlantic are all that remain of Tom Gentry's \$5.5 million hope to take the transatlantic Blue Riband (Malcolm McKenz writes). At 3.45 a.m. yesterday 20 knot winds and 12ft seas forced Gentry to abandon his attempt to break Richard Branson's 3day 8hr 31min record.

Proud Bird had covered 1,187 miles from New York but was still 1,621 miles away from Bishop Rock lighthouse on the Isles of Scilly.

Azimut Challenger, the Italian boat which set off four hours behind Gentry, was reported 1,490 miles east of New York at 4 p.m. yesterday, running at 37 knots in 15ft following swells and still hoping to beat the record. Azimut too is experiencing problems,

particularly with a coolant leak from one of her four 1,682hp diesels.

Trouble began for Gentry's 110ft British-built boat, when a forecasted "weather window" of light winds and smooth swells failed to open. Instead she met poor visibility, strong winds and rough water. Three hours late for her re-fuelling rendezvous, the crew exhausted and bruised by the constant battering and with no prospect of a let-up in the weather, Gentry took the decision to slow down and head Proud Bird for St John's.

To beat Branson's record, the Italians with Dag Pike, their British navigator, and Winthrop Rockefeller, the American millionaire, as their token passenger, must reach the Scillies by 0200 tomorrow.

## Roche hits road again

Stephen Roche, Ireland's 1987

Tour de France winner, makes his comeback after injury when he rides in the Kellogg's Professional Tour of Britain next month. Roche has not competed since mid-April because of knee trouble following a crash, but a Munich clinic has given him the all-clear to resume racing after a series of training sessions through the Wicklow Mountains near his Dublin home.

"I'm feeling good and there hasn't been the slightest twinge from the knee," said Roche before returning to the Continent for training. Last year, Roche became the first man since Eddy Merckx to win the Tour of Italy, Tour de France and world professional road race championship.

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## Connors wins

Jimmy Connors picked up his long-awaited 106th singles title at the DC Classic tennis tournament on Monday and said he wanted the 107th to be the US Open in September.

The top-seeded American, who defeated third seed Andres Gomez of Ecuador 6-1, 6-4 in the final, had not won a tournament since October 1984 in Tokyo.

BSB will be discussing three options, the first being to attempt to sell their present 10-year offer of a joint venture company, which in the first four years will give the Football League £35.2 million.

This seems the least likely, it is the least productive option. The others are to improve that package, or to produce another, directly comparable to ITV's straight cash offer over four years.

After being burnt in the previous round, BSB yesterday were playing their cards

close to their chest, a tactic they intend to follow if possible right up until the League extraordinary general meeting on August 8. Unless it is feared it would be ruled unconstitutional, they intend to present their bid to the assembled League clubs in a sealed envelope.

"We are still investigating that possibility," Bob Hunter, the managing director of BSB's Now channel, said yesterday. "But obviously there is no point in doing that if there is any risk of it being ruled out of order at the time."

Hunter was unwilling to speculate on what decisions he and his colleagues, in concert with some interested major shareholders, will reach today.

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